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When they had heard the king,
they departed; and, lo, the star,
which they saw in the east,
went before them, till it came
and stood over where
the young child was.
When they saw the star, they
rejoiced with exceeding great joy

— Matthew 2:9-10



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The Christmas story

Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

What Christmas means to me

From The Owyhee Chronicle, Dec. 22, 1949

The Christmas season. Christmas day. Light-studded garlands across the streets, handsome store displays, the crowds of last minute shoppers. Christmas carols from across the way. Fresh snow crunching underfoot, frost-coated shrubs, holly wreaths and tinsel trees in windows. Cheery greetings, friendly gestures, the giving and the receiving of presents. The family gatherings, the warmth of the fireside. Home. Christmas means all of these things of course. But is this all Christmas means to me?

My whole being, my God-formed soul, my inmost thoughts and desires say Christmas must mean more than that. Those things alone are too earth-bound, too

self-contained. They savor of a part of the world self-complacent, self-content, self-sufficient--but utterly forgetful of that other part, persecuted, homeless, oppressed, starved, naked, cold. Those things savor of men possessing knowledge and truth, heedless of the anguished cry of those in error. They savor of a people so smug and self-righteous as to think itself Christian, when in reality true Christianity is but a memory. Those things savor of a selfish Christmas. Such is a Christmas that is no Christmas at all.

Then what should Christmas mean? The thousands thronging the streets and crowding the churches at midnight, dawn, or later in the day — they have the answer. They do not go to church merely to hear the Christmas gospel read: the crowded inn, the

stable, the birth of the Son of God made Man. They come to church to have the Christ child present before them and reborn in them. To Him, the Child whose birthday it is, they pray for the strength to accomplish in themselves and in others what He began. They bring peace from the Prince of Peace, wisdom from the Angel of Great Counsel, life from the Author of Life, hope from the Source of All Hope, joy from the Promise of Eternal Joy. They bring Christ to a darkened and troubled world. They are happy because their Christmas is not their own. It is like Christ's, for others.

And as for all those other things — now they take on meaning too, because I have found the true meaning of Christmas.

— Contributed

A frontier Christmas

From The Owyhee Chronicle, Dec. 25, 1958

Christmas on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wilderness, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the wise men crossed, this the night, and yon sleeping village Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the wise men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang songs about the birth of Christ child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange, or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that

meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

Home-made sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep, and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slat pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag

of candy.

In the isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobsled ride or perhaps a square dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers, or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter — the star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withall these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.



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Megaload creeps through Homedale without incident



Lit up for easy inspection and — as it turns out — a nice show for anyone brave enough to stand in frigid temperatures in the wee hours, the 376-foot-long water purification unit traveled the first leg of its Owyhee County journey Monday morning. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Utility line only thing that slows massive shipment's arrival in Owyhee

Equipment stays in county until Thursday

There were no protesters — not much resistance of any kind — when the Omega Morgan shipment bound for an oil refinery rumbled through downtown Homedale early Monday morning.

In fact, the only thing that seemed to hold up the company's continuing attempt to move a 450-ton payload from Umatilla, Ore., to a tar sands oil facility in Alberta, Canada, was a utility line strung across Idaho Avenue at 6th Street West.

Once crews worked to clear the shipment

of the line, though it was smooth sailing.

Idaho State Police escorted the 376-foot contraption and several escort vehicles across the state line a few minutes after midnight as a handful of spectators waited patiently in the cold near the intersection of Idaho Avenue and Main Street in hopes that the 22-foot-wide, 19-foot-high object of curiosity would soon come.

Several representatives of the Homedale Police Department and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office were deployed all along the route from west of the Homedale city limits to the old port of entry across from the Gem Stop ION convenience store at the Idaho highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95 interchange.

Both Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant were on duty for the move, which took close to two hours from the moment the shipment crossed the state line to when the crew bedded down the water purification unit in the asphalt lot on the southeast corner of the U.S. 95-Idaho 55 intersection.

Officials said the shipment will be stored at that location through the holiday break.

The Idaho Transportation Department oversize load permit prohibited travel from 4 p.m. Tuesday until 10 p.m. Thursday.

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The Omega Morgan caravan was stalled outside Vale, Ore., for a day because of snow, but got rolling again Sunday night. Photo by Vern Tunnell

Gateway panel to start lining out route

Halfway through a scheduled four-meeting lifespan the Gateway West power line siting committee is ready to get down to brass tacks — with plastic push pins — on portions of the 500-kilovolt transmission line that will snake through Owyhee County.

During a sometimes emotional and heated second meeting, the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council subcommittee lined out what its third meeting, set for Jan. 7, would look like during a Dec. 17 gathering in Boise.

— See *Gateway*, page 5A

Weather causes problems

September flood erosion damaged county septic

Mother Nature has taken a toll on the infrastructure in Owyhee County recently.

Last Wednesday, Homedale maintenance workers repaired two aerators used to treat sewage at the town's wastewater treatment plant.

Owyhee County officials also have been dealing with water and septic service issues to the courthouse and jail in Murphy.

Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said that so much ice had accumulated on the aerators in one of the ponds that they turned over, submerging the motors. Two of the three aerators in the pond overturned and were

— See *Weather*, page 5A

Man arrested for DUI, eluding after speeding into residential area

A 27-year-old Marsing man was arrested on numerous charges after he sped into a residential subdivision at speeds in excess of 100 mph.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said his deputy, Terry McGrew, could detect the stench of burning brake material when he caught up with the black passenger car driven by Ross L. DeWitt at 4:19 a.m. on Friday.

DeWitt had fled to his residence on Rolling Hills Place outside Marsing after allegedly passing McGrew's stationary position at a speed nearly twice the limit on U.S. Highway 95 near Gem Road, Grant said. The sheriff said McGrew's radar detected DeWitt was traveling at 102 mph before he eluded the deputy by speeding down Cemetery and Hogg roads and entering the Whispering Hills subdivision.

Homedale Police Officer Chris Jacob found DeWitt hiding in a storage shed behind the residence, Grant said.

DeWitt was driving a car with dealer plates from White Automotive, Grant said.

DeWitt remains in custody at the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on charges of driving under the influence for the second time in the past 10 years, felony eluding, reckless driving, driving without privileges and personal use of dealer license plates.

Grant had no details on DeWitt blood alcohol level, saying that test results from the blood draw at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell weren't available yet.



Ross L. DeWitt

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New Year's closures itemized

Here is how the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays will affect governments, banks and schools:

- All Owyhee County governmental offices in Murphy, Marsing and Grand View will be closed both today and next Wednesday, although dispatch as well as Owyhee County Sheriff's Office patrol and fire and emergency medical services will be available throughout the county.
- Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Murphy and Bruneau are closed both days.
- US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are closed.
- City Halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will close, but Homedale Police will be on patrol.
- The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing is closed until Jan. 2.
- Homedale, Adrian, Melba and Pleasant Valley schoolchildren remain out of class for the Christmas break and will return to school on Jan. 6.
- Marsing and Jordan Valley schoolchildren return to class on Jan. 2.
- Bruneau-Grand View schools are closed for the break and will reopen on Jan. 7.
- The Owyhee County Historical Museum will be closed through Saturday, but will be open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- The Homedale Public Library will be closed both days. Story Time for preschoolers will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Friday.
- The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed today and next Wednesday. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve.
- The Bruneau Valley Library will be closed today and next Wednesday.
- The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is closed through Jan. 2.
- Paul's Market in Homedale is closed today, but will be open regular hours (7 a.m. to 10 p.m.) on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Paul's Pharmacy will be closed today and New Year's Day, but will be open regular hours (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) on New Year's Eve.
- Logan's Market in Marsing is closed today and will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Senior centers in Homedale and Marsing are closed next Wednesday for New Year's Day.
- The Rimrock Senior and Community Center, which is typically closed on Wednesdays, is the site of a community Christmas dinner today. The meal will be served at 1 p.m. The center will be open Tuesday and Jan. 2 for normal programs.
- The Owyhee Avalanche is closed today for Christmas and also will close next Wednesday for New Year's. All deadlines remain the same except for classified advertising, which will be noon Friday from the Jan. 1 edition.

Arock school puts on Christmas program

Directed by their teachers, W.W. Jones School students presented a Christmas concert and the Living Nativity on Dec. 16 in Arock, Ore.

The students sang "Joy to the World," "Let It Snow," "We Three Kings," "Noche de Paz," "What Child is This?" and "Frosty the Snowman."

The Living Nativity play included Tayler Eiguren as Deputy Maggie Perkins, Kirk Eiguren as Judge Calvin Jones, Birch Eiguren as Chester Blevins, Chase Easterday as Harvey Ditwilder, Trevor Fillmore as Clyde Jenkins, Nicole Terry as Eunice Jenkins, Meg Eiguren as Minerva Culpepper and Martina Stanford as Gladys Culpepper.

Schoolteachers Vickie McConnell and Kandy Stanford along with Beth Hassler helped put on the performance.

Photos from the Arock and Jordan Valley programs.
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✓ **Shipment:** Second of three payloads has left Umatilla

ITD issued a permit Friday, and agency vehicles and personnel were among the escorts Monday morning.

A few people flocked to the Matteson's Owyhee Auto Sales parking lot and adjacent street parking to get a glimpse of the massive piece of equipment.

Law enforcement stayed busy checking license plates on unfamiliar vehicles to ensure that no out-of-town protesters would swoop in to disrupt the shipment.

The caravan stopped a couple times for "routine maintenance," according to radio traffic heard on the county dispatch channel.

The moving crew had to back the large trailer and semi into the old port of entry site from U.S. 95.

In all, it took the caravan about two hours to move from the Homedale city limits to its temporary parking spot outside Marking.

There are three megaload shipments bound to pass through Owyhee County. The second left last weekend to travel the same route as the first.



The tires supporting the first of three megaload shipments of oil refinery equipment hug the fog line in the first block of East Idaho Avenue as support vehicles, including pilot vehicles and Idaho State Police troopers, tail the 376-foot-long cargo. The 450-ton water purification unit was hauled from Vale, Ore., to the old port of entry outside of Marsing overnight Sunday, arriving in Homedale at midnight and reaching its destination two hours later. The trucks and trailer will remain outside Marsing for Christmas because the Idaho Transportation Department permit won't allow travel again until 10 p.m. on Thursday.

Photo by George Decker

✓ **Gateway:** Owyheean speaks up

Near the end of the meeting, Boise RAC chair Gene Gray implored the committee to start moving the ball toward the goal line and put viable routes on paper.

Subcommittee co-chair Karen Steenhof suggested that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be consulted about possible issues with proposed routes as the panel moves along.

Oreana resident Robyn Thompson used photos taken by fellow Owyheean Leah Osborn to show the subcommittee how the proposed route for segment 9 would adversely impact the natural beauty of the Owyhees.

Idaho Power representatives also presented their enhancement package for the natural resources and species habitat along the power line's route.

Conservationist Betsy Buffington reiterated federal policies that would discourage siting the line in the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

✓ **Weather:** County septic situation may require additional funding to fix

ruined; a third aerator became encased in ice and was shut down to prevent further damage.

Smith said the freezing temperatures combined with the design of the aerators, which spray water into the air to oxygenate the wastewater before it moves through the system and is discharged in the Snake River, caused the icing.

Smith said the two aerators became inoperable on the Dec. 7-8 weekend. Cost of the repair was about \$1,000, he said.

The new public works supervisor said he has been in contact with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Idaho Rural Water and other municipalities to get tips on how to prevent the problem from happening again.

He said workers can go out and physically break the ice up as it accumulates or, if it accumulates too quickly, shut down the motor to prevent any damage.

Without the aeration, the wastewater could go untreated to the river and deposit contaminants such as E. coli. Smith said he contacted DEQ about the breakdown, but doesn't expect any sanctions.

The recent cold snap also caused a broken water line in Homedale, Smith said. An open lid on a water meter led to a frozen pipe, but the impact was limited to a brief outage at one residence.

Smith said there were no reports of residential freeze-ups.

In Murphy, officials' joy over finally completing the repair of the

town's 40,000-gallon water tank was tempered by weather-related problems with the system that serves the county buildings.

Rabbit Creek's late-summer flooding apparently caused partial erosion in the county's septic system drain field. Because of that, District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi has been switching the county buildings between the new septic system near Rabbit Creek to the old system near the courthouse. Alternating between

the two systems is a strategy to keep the county in compliance with DEQ regulations, Aberasturi said.

Aberasturi said he remains in contact with Southwest District Health on the matter, too.

During the Dec. 16 Board of County Commissioners meeting, Aberasturi said the Western Alliance for Economic Development is exploring grant possibilities to repair the septic system.

Aberasturi said an emergency

grant is possible because the failure of both systems could be traced to the September flooding. Even so, the county may have a dilemma.

"We are very limited in what we can do because of the ground," Aberasturi said, adding that the ground might not support an underground leach system.

Meanwhile, county buildings were without water for about six hours on Dec. 10 because a broken pipe in a pump house led to a short in the pump's mag switch.

When the temporary tank was depleted, no more water could be pumped in.

The shorted switch and accompanying electrical box was replaced and water service restored.

The failure came as a contractor was completing the relining project on the town's 40,000-gallon water tank. That tank was put back into service last Wednesday.

— JPB

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Open houses set for sage-grouse plan

The Bureau of Land Management plans a series of public meetings on the Draft Greater Sage-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement for the region including Owyhee country.

The 90-day comment period on the DEIS ends Jan. 29.

The document proposes conservation measures to be included in amendments to nearly 30 land use plans on more than 30 million acres of BLM and U.S. Forest Service land throughout Idaho, Oregon and Southwest Montana.

The open houses will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at various locations, including:

- Monday, Jan. 6, McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

- Wednesday, Jan. 8, Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave, Ontario, Ore.

- Wednesday, Jan. 15, Boise Hotel and Conference Center

Peregrine Room, 3300 S. Vista Ave., Boise

- Wednesday, Jan. 22, Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 209 U.S. Highway 95, in Jordan Valley.

The entire DEIS can be found at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/sage-grouse_rmp_revision.html.

Comments can be submitted in the following formats:

- On the Web at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/sage-grouse_rmp_revision.html

- Via email at blm_id_swmt_sagegrouse_eis@blm.gov

- Via postal mail to BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709 Attn: Greater Sage-Grouse DEIS

- Comments on the Oregon portion of the plan also can be sent to the Vale District Office, 100 Oregon St., Vale, OR 97918.

The final EIS will be released in the spring.

Homedale efforts nets 6,000 pounds of food

Hands Around Homedale distributed more than 6,000 pounds of food to needy families, event organizer Randee Garrett said.

The total amount of donated canned food and produce came to approximately 5,400 pounds, and the meat donated by the Caldwell Euzkaldunak charities, which is part of the town's Basque club, amounted to about 740 pounds, the Homedale schools counselor said.

The drive was a "joint effort by the entire community," she said.

"All of the donors are appreciated immensely."

Other donors included the Homedale Fire Department (empty boxes for packing food); Ron and Suzanna Brockett (money to purchase food in honor of her parents Dorwin and Vicky Drum);

Gary Garrett and Garrett Ranches, 800 pounds of apples; Allendale Produce, 600 pounds of onions and two cases of oranges; Paul's Market (storing meat and cutting the hams in half and wrapping them); community members who purchased extra hams with cash and Paul's Price Cutter Club points; the Homedale High School National Honor Society chapter and cross country team members, who hauled food in vehicles to the elementary school and helped sort and pack.

Students in all three schools contributed to the food drive, Garrett said. Students and staff members helped pack the food at the elementary, as well as family members who were receiving food boxes. — KB

HES students help typhoon victims

A schoolwide fundraiser to help Filipino children affected by Typhoon Haiyan resulted in nearly a \$300 donation.

Homedale Elementary fourth-graders spearheaded the Dollars for Deeds for the Philippines benefit and spread the momentum throughout the school.

"They have mostly nothing and we have everything, and helping for the relief of others is the best thing to do in this world," fourth-grader Daniella Serrano said.

The students showed off a check for \$296.29 that was given to Samaritan's Purse, a non-denominational international Christian relief organization.

"This is just one small example of the caring and compassion our students have for others. I am so impressed that they are thinking globally and understanding the importance of showing true concern for others," HES principal Terri Vasquez said.

Last week, a handful of fourth-graders showed off the donation check and posters they used to promote the fundraiser.

Students were encouraged to do household chores to bring in dollars.

Daniella washed dishes, raked leaves and cleaned the floor at home.

Amber McBride, Stuart Emry's student who proclaims she's 9½, washed dishes at home for three weeks, picked up after the family pets and sold some books.

But even coming up with ideas on what to do became an example of compassion and selflessness for some of the students.

Belisia Larzelier, 10, gave up her birthday money for the cause. She's in Jan Silva's class and is the granddaughter of another fourth-grade teacher, Mary Jo Larzelier.

"It feels good to make a difference and help others get back to their way of life," Belisia said.



Homedale fourth-graders who helped raise money in the Dollars for Deeds for the Philippines included, back row, from left: Belisia Larzelier, Alexa Durrant, Cody Liebschwager, John Lejardi and Nadia Pukhalskaya; and front row, from left: Abbey Henry, Amber McBride and Amaia Aberasturi.

Alexa Durrant, 10, helped her neighbor take out their trash. She's in Teri Uria's class.

Mary Jo Larzelier's student, 10-year-old Cody Liebschwager, sprang into action after the first snowfall the year. After helping his grandmother take out her trash, he also shoveled her driveway and sidewalk.

John Lejardi, a 10-year-old in Emry's class, raked the leaves in his next-door neighbor's yard.

Vasquez said the disaster in the Philippines hit home for these children, even if they didn't

perhaps understand where in the world it happened.

"Our fourth-grade students were heartbroken by the devastation ... they felt horrible for the men, women, and children that were trying to survive such a disaster and couldn't imagine having to live that way," she said.

Cody summed up and reflected on the Christmas spirit at the same time.

"It's easy because when you help someone, it's better for them," he said.

— JPB

Gospel quartet to visit Mtn. View

The Liberty Quartet will bring its Southern Gospel sounds to Mountain View Church of the Nazarene next week.

The Boise-based quartet is a full-time concert ministry that includes Royce Mitchell, bass; Tim Parton, baritone/piano; Philip Patton, tenor; and Doug Wiley, lead. The group averages 50,000 to 70,000 miles each year ministering in about 200 performances for church services, nursing homes, prisons and other ministries.

Liberty Quartet will appear at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5 at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. No admission fee is requested, but a love offering will be taken to support the group's ministry.

The Liberty Quartet also sings at large conventions including the Great Western Southern Gospel Fan Festival, Pacific Gospel Music Association, and the Gospel Music Fan Festival in Canada.

The men say they cherish the

opportunity to connect with people and make new friends wherever they go. They have had the opportunity to share the platform with groups such as Legacy Five, Greater Vision, Gaither Vocal Band, the Booth Brothers, Poet Voices, the Isaacs, Crossway and others.

Liberty averages two recording projects each year. Mountain View Church of the Nazarene organizers say their ministry bridges all generations.

Death notice

MICHAEL E. STERKENBURG, 15, of Marsing, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013 from injuries received in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 23, 2013 at the Marsing High School gymnasium. Interment followed at Peaceful Valley Cemetery.

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**Homedale music students
have ‘A Rockin’ Christmas’...**



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Students at the elementary and middle schools in Homedale performed their Christmas programs before packed audiences last week on separate nights at Homedale Middle School. Tony Bradshaw and Skyler Krall directed the middle school program on Dec. 17, and Bradshaw led the first- and second-graders on Thursday. A highlight of the elementary show was a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who did exercises with the children.

*Santa and his elves clown around
at the Marsing cafeteria*



Paula Rhodes and Bre Brown share a happy moment before serving the lunch line.



Front row, from left, Sharon Acosta, Pete Smit, Krista Wood and Teresa Bettleyon. Top left, Bre Brown, Becky Reich, Paula Rhodes, Kelly Ineck and Tracy McGee.



A Marsing student goes through the lunch line, where Elf (Bre Brown) and Santa Claus (Pete Smit) serve the rolls.



Krista Wood and Kelly Ineck prepare to serve students, while Santa (Pete Smit) puts on gloves.

*Homedale Seniors have
a jolly Christmas*



Mary and Al Herring celebrate the Christmas season with their friends at the Homedale Senior Center.



Jewell Baker and Tom Ryan enjoy the companionship that is found at the senior center's Christmas celebration.



Fourth-grader Josh Brown gives a Christmas card and snowman gift to Ann Curtis at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation.



Seniors at the Homedale Senior Center enjoy a few laughs at the annual Christmas dinner. Turkey dinner was served to about 60 people Thursday.

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Bresnahan*

Marsing district deploys counselors after teen dies in wreck

Son of county employee one of three boys in rollover

A group of counselors were available to grieving adults and children Thursday and Friday after a Marsing High School student died in a single-car rollover.

Michael E. Sterkenburg, 15, died at the scene of a crash last Wednesday afternoon near the intersection of Pershall Road and South Bruneau Highway in Marsing.

Later that night, the Marsing School District building principals and department heads were called. Superintendent Norm Stewart said the supervisors then called every teacher in the district and broke the news to them. Thursday morning, an emergency staff meeting was called and each first-period teacher was given a letter to read to their students and giving the youth an opportunity to ask questions.

Also on Thursday, a “crisis flight team” of counselors deployed to a safe room established at the high school for emotional needs and grieving for students, teachers and parents.

The safe room was also available all day Friday, which was the first day of Christmas break for the school district.

The counselors on duty included current MSD personnel Robin Simpson and John DeWitt as well as retired Marsing High School counselor John Cossel. Katey Dahlstrom from the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency and Jody Endicott from the Nampa district also provided their services.

Sterkenburg was an unrestrained passenger in a 1997 Chevy Suburban driven by 16-year-old Ethan J. Anderson and also carrying 14-year-old Evan J. Anderson at the time of the 3:49 p.m. crash.

Idaho State Police, which investigated the crash because Sterkenburg’s mother has ties to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, said none of the boys were wearing their seatbelts. All three were ejected when the vehicle rolled after Ethan Anderson drove of the right side of the road while



Personnel from the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and Homedale Police Department were among those on scene at Wednesday’s fatal accident. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

rounding a corner.

Ethan and Evan Anderson were treated for injuries at the scene.

Sterkenburg’s mother, Edith, works in the Division of Motor Vehicles office at the Owyhee County Annex in Marsing. His father is Myron.

ISP public information officer Teresa Baker said the crash is still under investigation. She said that accident reconstruction will take three to four weeks but it appears Ethan Anderson took the corner too fast and overcorrected, causing the vehicle to roll.

Michael Sterkenburg’s funeral was held Monday afternoon inside the Marsing High School gymnasium. Burial was at Peaceful Valley Cemetery.

Austrian Settlement monument destined for City Park

A proposed monument paying homage to the Austrian Settlement families has been approved for Homedale’s main park.

The Homedale City Council agreed to allow the stone monument in a position at Bette Uda City Park to the east of the Bette Uda dedication stone.

Joe Demshar, chair of the Austrian Settlement Centennial Committee, received approval for the 15-foot-by-15-foot, 9-foot-tall monument during last Wednesday’s meeting.

“It’s is a very large and elaborate

structure, but on behalf of the Austrian Settlement, I think you’ll agree this was a huge, historic moment for Homedale,” Demshar told the council members.

The monument will rise only seven feet above the ground because the bottom two feet of the stone will be buried in the ground as an anchor, Demshar said. The layout also will include two protective stones and for stones for benches.

The stone will be engraved with the 1914 settlement date as well as the names of the original families, Demshar said.

“We have a large contingent of family members still in town who are excited to see it at City Park,” Demshar said.

Flood irrigation in the park shouldn’t compromise the monument, Demshar said.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith said his only concern would be the possibility of tree removal in the next 10 to 15 years. For example, he said, the large pine that serves as the city’s Christmas tree is getting too big.

Austrian Settlement descendant Bob Cegnar, who now lives in Washington, is donating the stone

and the engraving.

Demshar said a cement pad would have to be poured to create the 15x15 base, and that the air temperature has to be at least 40 degrees for cement to set.

That could be problematic if organizers what to have the monument in place in time for the scheduled Austrian Settlement Centennial on Feb.14-15.

“We’ll probably get the main stone set, and then come back for the rest,” he said. “The biggest hurdle would be to actually get the cement laid.”

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Adrian's Shane Miller wrestles to 2nd place

Vale girls slow down Homedale's winning

Avalanche Sports

Homedale claims Glenns Ferry wrestling title

Runner-up Marsing has three champions

The wrestling teams from Homedale and Marsing high schools finished first and second, respectively, at Saturday's conclusion of the Glenns Ferry tournament.

The Trojans notched eight medals and three championships, including freshman Caleb Meligan at 113 pounds ("He looked really good. He really upped his game this week," HHS coach Toby Johnson said.), sophomore Nash Johnson at 126, and junior Devin Fisher at 138. The Huskies' runner-up effort included

a third consecutive championship for 220-pounder Noah Grossman. Austin Williams (160 pounds) and Brad Labit (182) also won gold medals. A fourth finalist, Edwin Gonzalez, brought home a silver medal at 98 pounds. Lorenzo Lankow (170) and Jacob Larson (182) were third-place wrestlers

for Marsing. **Locals tune up with tri-meet** The area's three wrestling programs got together last Wednesday for a non-conference tri-meet. Homedale routed Adrian, 72-12, in

— See *Wrestling*, page 16A

HHS boys rebound for third

Its opponent's quick start put Homedale High School in a hole during Friday's battle of two of the state's top boys' basketball programs. Skyview, the second-ranked Class 4A squad in the Idaho media poll, rolled to a 68-44 victory in the semifinal of the Todays Dentistry Elite Eight Invitational on the Hawks' home floor. The Trojans, who started the week at No. 4 in the Class 3A poll, had reached the semifinal after beating Canyon Ridge of Twin Falls on Thursday for Homedale's first Elite Eight victory in program history. But as Thursday's 66-57 win turned on Homedale's ability to break out of a defensive struggle, Friday's loss was cemented by the Hawks' defense and hot shooting. The Trojans rallied to beat Columbia of Nampa, 57-44, in Saturday's third-place game.

Skyview set the tone by winning a shootout in the first eight minutes of Friday's semifinal. The Hawks scored 26 points and owned a 10-point lead after the opening quarter.

The Trojans, who are hitting about half of their shots this season, were held to just 37 percent shooting Friday.

Trey Lane hit four of his team's five three-point goals and led Homedale with 14 points. Caleb Oviedo had 11 points and 15 rebounds. Lane Sale had six rebounds on Skyview's end of the floor, but was held scoreless.

Saturday: Homedale 57, Columbia 44 — Dillon Lowder and Trey Lane sank six three-pointers and scored 14 points each in the Trojans' win over the 4A Wildcats.

Lane Sale led the rebounding effort with 10 boards. Trey Lane hit four three-pointers.

The third-place trophy embodies Homedale's best finish in the Elite Eight.

Thursday: Homedale 66, Canyon Ridge 57 — Sale scored four points and the Trojans finally got a glimpse of its fast break late in the fourth quarter, taking control against the Twin Falls school with an 8-2



Homedale's Talon Frelove puts up a shot in the second half against Canyon Ridge on Thursday. Photo by Jon P. Brown

run at Nampa High School. The teams were locked in a defensive struggled knotted 37-37 with five minutes left in the third quarter, but Sale took over in the fourth quarter. He went coast-to-coast for a layup then converted a three-

point play to give Homedale a 53-49 edge with three minutes left in the game. Sale scored nine of his 19 points in the game's waning minutes. Oviedo hit seven of 10 shots for a career-high 17 points, and Lane added 11.

HUSKY HOLIDAY CLASSIC TIPS OFF FRIDAY

Boys challenge state-caliber 1A squads

Already mired in a three-game losing streak, things might not get any better for the Marsing High School boys' basketball team this week. First-year coach Tim Little's squad plays host to a pair of formidable 1A, Div. I opponents Friday and Saturday in the Husky Holiday Classic. "Although it's 1A, it's not a step down," Little said. "For us, it's an opportunity to play tough competition and continue to improve."

— See *Boys*, page 15A

Reeling girls search for a way back to form

The Marsing High School girls' basketball team is looking for answers as it prepares to host the Husky Holiday Classic on Friday and Saturday. The Huskies faltered in two 2A Western Idaho Conference games played over the span of three days. Marsing struggled through a horrendous shooting night and watched its opponent hit everything in sight in Saturday's 44-15 loss at Melba. On Thursday, the Huskies saw

— See *Girls*, page 15A

Husky Holiday Classic			
Friday's games		Saturday's games	
Varsity boys		Varsity boys	
4:30 p.m. — Liberty Charter vs. Nampa Christian		4:30 p.m. — Nampa Christian vs. Notus	
8 p.m. — Marsing vs. Notus		8 p.m. — Marsing vs. Liberty Charter	
Varsity girls		Varsity girls	
3 p.m. — Nampa Christian vs. Liberty Charter		3 p.m. — Nampa Christian vs. Notus	
6:15 p.m. — Marsing vs. Notus		6:15 p.m. — Marsing vs. Liberty Charter	
Junior varsity boys		Junior varsity boys	
3 p.m. — Liberty Charter vs. Nampa Christian		3 p.m. — Nampa Christian vs. Notus	
4:30 p.m. — Marsing vs. Notus		4:30 p.m. — Marsing vs. Liberty Charter	
Junior varsity girls		Junior varsity girls	
6:15 p.m. — Homedale vs. Liberty Charter		6:15 p.m. — Homedale vs. Notus	
8 p.m. — Marsing vs. Notus		8 p.m. — Marsing vs. Liberty Charter	

Trojans throttle Huskies on the road

Three HHS scorers reach double figures

Homedale High School shut down rival Marsing in the second half to capture a non-conference

boys' basketball victory. Junior guard Dillon Lowder swiped five steals and had four deflections, and the Trojans held the host Huskies to eight second-half points in a 58-25 blowout victory Dec. 17.

— See *Trojans*, page 14A

Sports

Homedale's Morgan Nash, right, tries to work the ball downcourt against Vale's Kami Hawkins during Thursday's game in Oregon. Photo by John L. Braese / Malheur Enterprise



Hot Vale cools HHS girls

Trojans can't sustain run in second half

Turnovers overshadowed another big night from Kaylee Rupp as Homedale High School saw its six-game girls' basketball winning streak end on the road. Vale, Ore., took advantage of the Trojans' miscues for a 54-42 non-conference victory in Homedale's final game of 2013. "We had a season high 19 turnovers and just couldn't match their intensity," HHS coach Joe Betancourt said. The Vikings, members of the 3A Eastern Oregon League, built

a 10-point halftime lead and then held off Homedale. "(We) made a little run in the third quarter, but every time we would make a run, Vale would answer back," Betancourt said. Hannah Bates scored 19 points for Vale, while teammate Kimber Hawkins threw in 18. The Vikings extended their season-opening win streak to eight games. Rupp registered another double-double for Homedale (8-2 overall) with 12 points and 10 rebounds. She also blocked two shots. Sophomore Tory Lane scored 11 points, while Destiny Long recorded eight points, four rebounds and two steals. Tristan Corta and Morgan Nash scored five points each, with Nash

dishing four assists. Dec. 17: Homedale 60, Melba 38 — Three players scored in double figures, and Long had nine rebounds as the Trojans routed the Mustangs in a non-conference game played in Canyon County. Long just missed a double-double. She and Morgan Nash scored 10 points apiece. Lane exploded for 17 points and also had three steals to lead Homedale to its sixth consecutive victory. Rupp grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked two shots. Elise Shenk (six points) and Corta (seven points) also had two blocked shots each. Janey Reeves scored eight points to lead Melba.

✓ Trojans: Lowder picks up defensive effort for HHS

From Page 13A "Dillon is my biggest surprise so far this season," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "Offensively he has always been good. It was his work ethic on the defensive end that needed a severe upgrade. "Apparently when I told him he wouldn't get to play much unless he learned how to play defense fired him up because ever since our jamboree Dillon has been playing some of the best defense I have ever seen him play."

Grove said Lowder's thefts have led to easy baskets on the other end of the floor. He had seven steals in the team's Dec. 14 win over Vale, Ore.

With the up-tempo offense intact against Marsing, the Trojans roared to a 21-8 lead in the first quarter and put the game away with a 17-4 run through the third quarter.

Marsing first-year coach Tim Little said his team still had a chance against Homedale despite a poor first half in which the Huskies turned the ball over nine times and were able to corral only eight offensive rebounds.

Already depleted in personnel, Marsing played most of the game without senior starter Yovani Zerapio, who got hurt within the first two minutes of the game, Little said. That left the Huskies with just seven varsity players.

"We're still working through things," Little said. "Obviously, Homedale is very talented and well-coached and they've got depth and right now that's one of

the issues we're dealing with." Jose Acuna hit three three-point goals and scored 11 points to pace Marsing. Dylan Breshears scored seven points for the home team, including all of the Huskies' foul shots on 3-for-4 shooting from the line. Sophomore guard Connor Carter was 3-for-5 from beyond the three-point line and led Homedale with 13 points. Trey Lane, a senior guard, nailed a pair of treys as part of his 10 points. He was 4-for-5 from the floor as the Trojans knocked down 59 percent of their shots. "When we can have a balanced attack from both inside and out, it really makes a team hard to defend because (opponents) can't take away one specific thing," Grove said.

Homedale spread around the rebounding just as well as they had the scoring. Senior Caleb Oviedo led the way with eight boards to go with his 12 points. Talon Frelove had five rebounds.

Homedale outscored Marsing, 29-8 in the second half. "Our focus was to make them beat us from the outside. We only allowed six points in the paint," Grove said.

"Having Lane Sale in the middle on our 2-3 zone really makes it difficult for teams to put up quality shots in the paint, especially when you have Talon Frelove and Caleb Oviedo on either side of him. Those three have done a good job of contesting and altering every shot in the key."



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Wrestling

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Sports

Adrian's Miller 2nd in Elgin

Adrian High School 152-pound wrestler Shane Miller was runner-up in the two-day John Rysdam Memorial in Elgin, Ore.

Vale, Ore.'s Lane Cummings pinned Miller at the 4-minute, 40-second mark of the championship match Saturday.

Miller reached the final with pins against Nyssa, Ore.'s Hoyler Deleon at 1:42 of their quarterfinal match and with 23 seconds left in the semifinal against Elgin,

Ore.'s Chris Roberts.

Luke Campbell (138) and Bryson Shira (152) also represented the Antelopes in Saturday's championship bracket.

The tournament began Friday with pool competition.

Finishing second in their pools were Miller (152A), Shira (152B) and Ramon Dalla (170C). Campbell was third in 138B and Drake Marquez finished fourth in 160C.



Adrian's Drake Marquez, shown in action against Homedale's Shane Keller last Wednesday, was fourth in his pod in Elgin, Ore. Photo by Jon P. Brown

✓ Girls: Huskies look to get untracked

From Page 13A

a five-point fourth-quarter lead evaporate in a 42-28 setback against Cole Valley Christian. Shannon Clover scored seven points for Marsing.

Both losses came on the road, so it might be time for some home cooking.

"We're pretty much going to go back to what we started with, and we're just going to have to scratch and claw just to get back into the win column," first-year coach Jaime Wood said.

That may be the exact formula the Huskies need as they face a pair of 1A, Div. I teams on their home floor.

Marsing (3-6 overall, 2-2 in conference) opens the tournament at 6:15 p.m. Friday against Notus. Liberty Charter of Nampa challenges the Huskies at 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

"We're going to have our hands full," Wood said. "We just got to go out and take care of the things that we can control."



Marsing's Destiny Reynolds looks to move the ball against Melba during a 2A Western Idaho Conference game played last week. Photo by Dan Pease

✓ Boys: North Star spoils Marsing's conference opener

From Page 13A

"The kids understand league and setting ourselves up for seeding in district is what's important."

The Huskies dropped their 2A Western Idaho Conference season opener, 51-32, on Friday against North Star Charter in Eagle.

Marsing (1-5 overall) closes the tournament at 8 p.m. on Saturday against Liberty Charter, which is unbeaten in five games and ranked third in the state media poll.

Friday's opening-round opponent, Notus, received a handful of votes in the latest media poll, which was released last Wednesday.

Coming off a consolation championship in last season's state tournament, the Pirates have split games with Oregon foes Jordan Valley and Adrian and also lost to Melba.

Liberty Charter, which beat Adrian by 20 points on Friday night, finished fourth in last

season's state tournament.

Little has his focus divided in several directions: He's building a program, running a high school and, this week, keeping an eye on a tournament on his home floor.

"The classic is our biggest fundraiser," he said. "We hope to raise somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,500."

Friday: North Star 51, Marsing 32 — The Huskies trailed by three points, 17-14, after one quarter, but managed just six points in each of next three periods in the conference opener for both squads.

Marsing's Dylan Breshears scored 13 points, while Jose Acuna added seven and Rodrigo Acuna put in six.

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Winter Sports

Athletes of the Week

The MHS wrestlers finished second in the Glenns Ferry tournament.



Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Dec. 27, home vs. Notus, Husky Holiday Classic, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, 8 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Friday, Dec. 27, home vs. Notus, Husky Holiday Classic, MMS gymnasium, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, MMS gymnasium, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Dec. 27, home vs. Notus, Husky Holiday Classic, 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 27, home vs. Notus, Husky Holiday Classic, MMS gymnasium, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, MMS gymnasium, 8 p.m.

Husky Wrestling

Friday, Jan. 3 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.

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Go Huskies!

Sports

HHS track and field team begins Christmas tree haul-away Saturday

Saturday marks the start of the Homedale High School track and field team's Christmas tree disposal fundraiser.

Coach Heidi Ankeny said Trojans will haul away trees for a fee on the next two Saturdays.

Athletes will collect discarded trees and haul them away for suggested donation of \$10, although larger donations won't be refused.

Proceeds will help the team buy new uniforms and equipment.

Pick-ups will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Jan. 4. Those people who want the disposal help can call Ankeny at 936-0702 to arrange a pick-up out of their driveways or at their curb.

✓Wrestling: Coach says Huskies are inexperienced

From Page 13A

one encounter at Marsing High School.

The Trojans' Devin Fisher pinned Luke Campbell at the 3-minute, 8-second mark of their 145-pound match.

Bryson Shira scored the Antelopes' only victory on the mat with a pin against Shane Keller 12 seconds before the end of the first round of their 160-pound match.

Homedale's Tyson Furlott (170) pinned Ramon Dalla in 1:03, and teammate Curtis Stansell pinned Dominic Abril in 47 seconds at 182.

Furlott had three pins on

the night, including one of the Trojans' five pinfalls in a 60-23 victory over Marsing.

Jacob Furlott (120), Nash Johnson (126), Dylan Sharp (145) and Manny Macias (220) also put opponents on their backs against the rival Huskies.

Marsing beat Adrian, 42-16, in another matchup.

The Huskies' Brad Labit pinned Abril in 45 seconds at 182, while Adrian's victories came from Marcus Furtado with a major decision (14-6) over Edwin Gonzalez at 98 and Luke Campbell's pin in 1:40 against Oscar Gonzalez at 145.

—JPB

Local wrestlers finish on top during busy week



Marsing High School's Noah Grossman looks for a sign from the referee moments before he pinned Homedale's Manny Macias during last Wednesday's tri-meet on the Huskies' mat. Grossman won his third Glenns Ferry championship Saturday. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Homedale 126-pound wrestler Nash Johnson works against Marsing's Cody Barrett during Wednesday's tri-meet. Johnson pinned Barrett three seconds before the end of the first round. The win was the start of a successful week for Johnson, who contributed to the Trojans' team championship in the Glenns Ferry Tournament on Friday and Saturday. Photo by Jon P. Brown

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25 years ago

December 28, 1988

Owyhee County experiences its own modern-day gold rush. Most Claims believed to deal with gold

Is there a gold rush on in Owyhee County around War Eagle and Florida Mountains, DeLamar and the Silver City regions. The flood of lode-mining claims filed in recent months at county, state and federal levels suggests a prospecting boom is well under way and the presumed target is that most elusive and treasured mineral, gold.

“We’re up to our eyeballs in claims,” Owyhee County Clerk Barbara Jayo reported from Murphy recently. Hundreds of claims have been filed, including over 100 in a single day.

Linda Ray, mineral leasing specialist in the Idaho Bureau of Minerals in Boise, said the gold frenzy was spurred when a Canadian stock exchange in Vancouver, B.C. released word that the War Eagle Mining Company had located a possible “large new reserve of gold.”

There have been “good test results from test holes” at the find, she said.

Grand View-Bruneau news

It was a western hoedown at the Rimrock Auditorium Wednesday night when the Bruneau Elementary put on its Christmas play titled “It’s a Western Ho-Ho-Ho Down Christmas.” The play featured square dancers, Santa, and Sheriff as well as good guys, bad guys and many other Christmas characters. Georgia Churchill directed the production, and thanks go to Kathy Neufeld and Dorothy Gallivan for providing the accompaniment, and to the 365 Club and Bruneau Legion Auxiliary for the candy canes and oranges.

Thursday night, the Rimrock Auditorium was packed with parents and grandparents to see the Grand View Elementary’s production of “Christmas Cards”. The play starred almost 200 children and featured songs and dancing by each class.

The sixth-grade class gave a unique Basque flavor to the play with some of the children in Basque attire. With the help of Esther Cayero, the children sang “Silent Night” in Basque. Annette Lodder, a high school exchange student from the Netherlands, also taught the children the song in Dutch. This exceptional production was directed by Harva Driskell and Mary Anne Robinson, although it was produced by each individual class and their teachers. The classes made beautiful 8-foot “Christmas Cards” as props symbolizing their individual works. Thanks go to Mary Steiner for the accompaniment and to Operation: Santa for the goodies.

Joyous Christmas had by Care Center patients

Santa Claus (Paul Boatman) had several large piles of presents to distribute at the Homedale Care Center on Dec. 22, thanks to the generosity of many area residents who took part in the annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas Gift Project again this year. Approximately 35 residents received several gifts a piece at the afternoon party. Terri Perez, who works as a rehabilitation aide and helps residents of the Homedale Care Center remain walking and mobile, admired a resident’s pile of gifts during the annual Christmas party held last week.

Girl Scouts had busy Christmas schedule

Junior Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies sang Christmas carols for Homedale Care Center residents on Dec. 15. Each resident was presented with a decorated Christmas tree which the Junior and Brownie Scouts had made from old Readers Digests. Staff at the care center served the girls cookies and punch.

The troops held their Christmas parties on Dec. 19 at the Homedale Presbyterian Church after school. Junior Scouts held a gift exchange. Judy Duryee, leader, served snowmen cakes and presented the girls with tiny Christmas stockings and treats. Judy Harris, Brownie leader, presented her girls with small remembrances. The girls finished their refrigerator magnets, which they decorated with baby breath and candy canes for their parents.

50 years ago

December 26, 1963

Old fashioned Christmas theme of Aux. meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary gave a Christmas party Dec. 15 at the Legion hall. The theme was entitled “An Old-Fashioned Christmas”.

The dinner consisted of baked ham, plum pudding, fruit cake and salads. Helen Chadez and daughter Susan played an accordion duet. Patricia Chadez played solo on her clarinet, and a selection of Christmas songs was played by Jodene Reimer and Lana Vance, accompanied by Earleen Reimer.

A melody of Christmas carols was played by Lana Vance, Pauline and Jodene Reimer, and Helen Chadez accompanied the group while they sang.

Later in the program, Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts and treats to the children.

Chroniclings

Marsing businessmen handed out good cheer to guests at an open house Friday night at the American Legion hall.

Several members of the senior class at the high school were sent home to change Thursday morning after coming to school dressed for “Sloppy Day”.

IT IS CHRISTMAS TIME

It is Christmas time and soon we’ll see
Old Santa Claus with a Christmas tree.

He travels far, he travels wide,
He needs ride to be at his side.

His reindeer takes him, he never fails
To get all around over mountain trails.

His eyes are bright, his cheeks are red,
He comes to kiddies when they’re in bed.

He is everywhere, all over the Earth,
Bringing glad tidings of the Savior’s birth.

It is Christmas trees and jingle bells
And this is the story that Santa tells.

He gives nice gifts to all his friends
And when that’s done his mission ends.

He departs at once just like a joke,
And leaves his friends and everyone broke.

B. C. Marchbanks

Silver Dollars may bear picture of J.F. Kennedy

Senator Frank Church, D-Idaho, today said he hoped that the likeness of John F. Kennedy will be contained on 50 million silver dollars which may be minted next year.

Church is co-sponsor of a bill with Sen. Howard Cannon, D-Nevada, which would require the image on any newly minted dollars.

The late president submitted to Congress shortly before his death an appropriation request by the Treasury Department which, if approved, will finance minting of the new dollars.

Church said Mint Director Eva Adams had informed him that wires, telephone calls and mail have flooded her office urging that the likeness be imprinted on the dollars.

He pointed out that the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, can select designs for new coins.

The bill by Cannon and Church has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency.

Succor Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Vance attended a Plain Pollys Christmas dinner held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rosenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kushlan were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kushlan.

140 years ago

December 27, 1873

THE LATEST NEWS. On the 18th inst. The prisoners of the Virginius were delivered by the Spanish Cuban authorities to the commander of the United States steamer Juniata.

Report from Havana says a party of 600 Spanish cavalry were ambuscaded and all but 100 captured or killed by the Cubans.

Trouble is brewing in Matamoras, and Cortina demands that he be declared Mayor , or fight.

Dahomey has made an alliance with the Ashantees against the English on the Gold Coast.

On the 19th inst. both Houses of Congress adjourned till the 5th proximo.

Secretary Delano notifies all Territorial officers, and all others under the Department of the Interior, that absence from duty without special leave will be treated as a resignation of the office.

The United States Senate has got up a substitute for the House salary bill. It fixes the salaries of Congressmen just as they were before the thieving bill of March, 1873.

CHRISTMAS IN TOWN. The streets of Silver City were alive with happy, cheerful people, out shopping the day before Christmas. They did not seem to be buying for themselves. All were looking for something appropriate and acceptable to someone else. What a delightful world it would be if people were always trying to make pleasure for others, and self were always so completely hidden from view.

The Christmas tree was a grand success, and Jones’ large hall was crammed and jammed full of people at the distribution of the gifts. The Silver City Band enlivened the occasion with splendid music, and the choir sang a number of Christmas songs. Prof. Gilbert Butler delivered a neat and appropriate little speech, after which Santa Claus (J. L. Hall) came prancing in, robed in furs and loaded down with presents. After a pleasant chat with the young folks, Santa Claus commenced the distribution of the good things by which many a child was made to dance. It is estimated that the tree was hung with over \$2,000 worth of gifts from friends to friends. As a matter of course many laughable jokes were perpetrated, but they were all taken in good part and considered an essential feature of the happy occasion.

How the girls paraded their dolls the next morning, and how the boys popped their guns, beat their drums and tooted their horns! Of course the little ones hung their stockings overnight, and what can equal their delight when, with the first streak of dawn, they bounced out of bed to find them filled with toys that they most wished and wonder how old St. Nicholas knew so well.

On Christmas Day our townspeople passed the day in partaking of good dinners, drinking eggnog, and sleigh riding. The best of feeling prevailed among all classes and the day’s enjoyment culminated in a well-attended Ball and the Champion Hall.

MICHAEL JORDAN’S RING. James Jordan has at length recovered the ring worn by his brother Michael when he was killed by the Indians in July 1864. It is a heavy gold ring, on which is an image of the Goddess of Liberty, and has the name “Michael Jordan” inscribed on the inside. A soldier obtained it several years ago from an Indian, since which time it has passed through many hands, one of its owners having taken it to the Atlantic States and back. B.M. Davis, of this place, ran across it in Boise City a few days ago, purchased it and returned it to the brother of the original owner.

DEATH OF MRS. W.H. DEWEY. It now becomes our sad duty to chronicle the death of Mary, the beloved wife of W.H. Dewey of this place, who, after a lingering illness, tranquilly and peacefully passed away from Earth and friends, at half past eleven o’clock on Christmas night. Deceased was 34 years of age, and leaves a husband and one child to deplore her loss.

Rural deliverers have gone the extra mile



Tonjia Stansell works on sorting the mail for her rural deliveries.

Two Homedale postal workers retiring after many years of service



Rayme Linder gathers the mail to be delivered each day.

Small towns are unique because they have a lifestyle to offer that is not found in cities. It's the country lifestyle that makes life just a little quieter and more enjoyable than life in the city. People are often friendlier in the country, more personal, and more willing to go out of their way to help others. This is one reason why Homedale is such a wonderful place to live.

There are two people in Homedale that have carried on a tradition of going the extra mile. They are Tonjia Stansell and Rayme Linder, both rural postal route delivery carriers for the U.S. Postal Service. The two ladies grew up here and have stayed here, serving their customers in a personal way that will not be forgotten.

The women are best friends and recently retired from their jobs. Stansell has been at her job for 35 years, and Linder has worked 26 years.

"They will be greatly missed," Postmaster Kevin Rhead said. "You can set your clock by them."

People have counted on them every day, he said: "It will be hard to see them leave."

The ladies do "a fantastic job," Rhead said. "They can't remember one day when the weather was too bad to deliver the mail. They have always made an attempt, no matter what the conditions were like."

The women know most people on their route on a first-name basis and keep track of them, Rhead said.

"If someone doesn't pick up their mail for a few days, they will go to the door and check to make sure they are OK," he said.

Using their personal vehicles to deliver mail has been a tough job, Rhead said.

"They could probably write a book on how many times their husbands had to rescue them because of a flat tire, or how many vehicles they have been through," he said.

Rhead said the ladies have been working long hours — about 10-hour days — over the Christmas holiday, because the package volume is higher this time of year.

"They do need to be recognized," he said. "They have done a valuable service to the community. They have gone the extra mile."

Both Stansell and Linder are embarrassed about having any kind of attention paid to them. In fact, they were reluctant to be interviewed.

It has been a rough road to haul, literally. They both have faced numerous obstacles, such as bad weather and car problems, but each one will tell you that they never missed a single day of delivering the mail. They have built a reputation of being

devoted to serving the area's residents and never letting anyone down.

In looking back over the years, they can laugh about the many adventures they have been through in order to get the job done. They have remained best friends over the years. Because they have partnered so long, they practically finish each other's sentences.

"Well, you go through a lot of cars," said Stansell, breaking out laughing. She is reluctant to tell of her car problems because she doesn't want people to think she isn't smart.

"Tonjia always said she was going to write a book about all her car troubles," Linder said. Then she encouraged Stansell to tell about one of her worst experiences.

"I should have known better," Stansell admitted. Once there was some problem that caused Succor Creek Road to flood completely. "I don't know what I was thinking, but I drove right into it," she said.

Then they both cracked up, as they remembered that she was stranded and couldn't get out of her car. "If I opened the door, the water would have come in," Stansell explained. Then she said a "nice gentleman came along and put on his fishing boots to come and rescue" her, and another man pulled her car out of the flood

with his tractor.

This was just one small episode in a history of adventures the two women have gone through.

"I always used to think, if I could just get by two more days, I'll be fine," Stansell said.

They both are proud to say they have never met an obstacle, nor had an accident that prevented them from getting the mail delivered.

Linder recalled a time that she became over-confident and drove into a snowbank.

"I looked at that snow and thought I could make it," she said. But, as it turned out, she didn't. The next thing she had to do was go to the neighbors and ask for help, but she says many people have been good about helping her. She has never forgotten what her husband said at the time: "You need to realize you are not a snow plow," she said.

Experience has taught her how to deal with the road conditions.

"Sometimes you make a good call, and every once in a while you make a bad call," she said. "My snowbank is just like her flood. You can only go so far."

"It's been a ride," Linder said about her

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Homedale FFA provides for soldiers, needy family

Homedale FFA members made Christmas a little brighter for soldiers and a local family this year.

Earlier this month, the chapter members fulfilled the Christmas wishes of a local family with their annual Gift of Green.

FFA members shopped for presents and then gathered on Dec. 13 to wrap and deliver the gifts and other items to make the

season complete.

The night was capped with a scavenger hunt for teams of chapter members.

To show its pride in the nation's service men and women, chapter members also sent 20 Christmas care packages to Idahoans in military service around the world.

The boxes were filled with items collected by chapter members.



Homedale FFA members wrap presents before completing their Gift of Green project by visiting the family they adopted this year. Submitted photo

Tonjia Stansell has worked 35 years for the US Postal Service in Homedale.



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long years of driving the backroads. Much of her route has included making the 15-mile drive to Adrian.

Linder has found the job to be very satisfying.

“I like being out on my own,” she said. She enjoys the driving part of her job, where she often sees deer and wild turkeys along the way.

At the end of her career, she was delivering to 523 families.

She has gotten to know her customers and has watched their children grow up, and have children.

“I can count myself lucky,” she said.

Linder has always had a fear of running over a child. “They run out to the mail box so fast because they are eager to open that box,” she said.

“Older people and little kids love the mail lady,” she said. Those are some of the people who know how to make the mail person feel appreciated, Linder said.

The job “is more good than bad,” Linder said. “There’s a lot of good people out there.”

“You really do meet a lot of nice people,” Stansell said.

Stansell said that having Linder as a friend has helped her to keep doing the job. No matter what happened, she could rely on her friend to talk to every day and share

her experiences.

The biggest obstacle that a rural driver faces is the weather, the women agreed. In numerous cases, they have had to rely on their husbands to assist them in making deliveries.

The winters have been so rough that some years even the snow plows have been stuck, they said.

“Some people think this is an easy job,” Linder said. “But, it’s really not.”

The two women have always had to work under pressure.

“I don’t know how many times I look at a clock each day,” Linder said. After making their deliveries, the route drivers must make it back by 4:30 each afternoon, so that the packages they pick up can go out. “We are always on a schedule,” Linder said.

One thing to remember about being a rural carrier, Stansell said, “is that you have to be here every day and work.” She has acquired more than 280 days of sick leave, and Linder has nearly as much.

Another difficulty can be dogs. Animals can be a daily hazard faced by mail deliverers.

“People often say their dog is pretty good, but that is not always true,” Linder said.

“There have been many times I have had to run back to my car to get away,” Stansell said.



Rayme Linder has been a rural route carrier for 26 years.

Stansell was born and raised in Homedale, the daughter of Marvin and Anita Hill. She graduated from Homedale High in 1971. Her father owned a barber shop in town and ran a sanitation business. She has an identical twin sister, Teila, who lives in Caldwell. “We think alike,” Stansell said of her twin, who also worked at the Homedale Post Office for a short time. The twins took the postal exam together and got the same score.

Stansell has three grown children, Stacy, 36, Shelly, 38, and Eric, 42. She has four grandchildren.

All the mail back when Stansell started her job was labeled, “Route 1, Homedale.” She said she picked up the job pretty easy, since she knew the area, but often times the mailboxes were posted together on corners, whereas now, the mail person drives to each home.

When Stansell started her job, her children were ages 1½, 4 and 8. She had no idea it would turn into a full-time career. She remembers the days when she had to sit in the passenger seat and stretch her legs across the car console to reach the gas pedal. That was not easy, she said. At that time, her husband Larry put in a set of brakes on the passenger side for her, to make sure she was safe. Finally in 1994, the car companies came out with the right-hand drive cars, and they upgraded.

When Linder began her job, she had two boys, Rod, age 7, and Dusty, 11. Her husband Steve is a farmer and grows hay and corn. Now that she is retiring, Dusty is 42 and Rod is 38. She has four grandchildren.

Linder was also born and raised in Homedale, and graduated from Homedale High in 1968. She is the daughter of Ray and Ramona Aberasturi. Her family is of Basque heritage and her dad also farmed. He grew beets and seed. Her grandfather, Lucas Bicandi built the Bicandi Restaurant and Bar in Homedale. She grew up with three older brothers, Dave, Jack and Manuel. Dave passed away in 2004.

The rural route carrier positions have required a long-term commitment from the two women and they have been devoted to their careers.

Postmaster Kevin Rhead presented Stansell and Linder with postal service achievement awards Thursday.

“For many people these two women have been their lifeline and the customers will hate to see them leave,” he said.

— KB

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Karen Bresnahan*

Adrian FFA 13th in State Ag Sales CDE

*by Kellie Barraza
chapter president*

Learning and mastering the task of sales is a skill that will benefit someone their entire life.

The Adrian FFA chapter recently took five students to Madras, Ore., to compete in the State FFA Ag Sales Competition. The team placed second to the Ontario chapter during the Snake River District competition to qualify for the state contest.

The team finished 13th in the state competition. Individual members included Kellie Barraza, Dominic Abril, Xavier Lopez, Bailey Frasch and alternate Annie

Hungate.

This was Adrian’s first time competing in the Ag Sales state career development event (CDE), and the students were thankful for the opportunity to better their skills.

This event requires students to select an agriculture item to sell to a board of judges. Each member of the four-person team then competes in one of the following practicum areas: Customer Relations, Prospecting, Telephone Sales and an Ad Layout. Students must also complete a test on sales skills and customer service.

At the state contest, the chapters

were also required to participate in a team activity where they had to strategize, work together, and present a pitch for a selected scenario.

This year’s scenario represented the orchard industry.

This competition was a huge learning experience, teaching the students how to properly give a sales pitch, being comfortable with speaking in public, and developing the confidence to meet new people. Adrian came in 13th at the Ag Sales CDE.

The chapter intends to earn the right to compete at the State Sales CDE again next year.



Sage Hens donate to Meals on Wheels

Sage Hen member Julia Burham presents a donation for the Meals on Wheels to Marsing Senior Center board president Roman Usabel, president of the senior center. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
Shepherds’ Christmas reunion

The light of the campfire flickered across the faces of the herders. They’d polished off the last of the *cabrito*. “Muy bien,” said Tío. “I’m glad we got together. It’s been a long time. We lost José last year.”

Pedro said, “Yeah, if it wasn’t for him we’d never had the nerve to go to Bethlehem that night. It was scary when those angels lit up the camp ... bright as day!

“What I remember is the singin’,” said Juan. “It was like we were in a canyon full of sound, you could almost see it! I figured it would spook the sheep, but it didn’t.

“Little Jake stood behind ol’ José, peekin’ around his leg,” said Pedro. “When them angels finished and rose up and flew outta there, José said, ‘C’mon, boys, we’re goin’ to town!’”

Tío stirred the fire with a stick. “Truth is I felt kinda foolish pokin’ our heads in every stable we came to. ’Course Bethlehem ain’t that big, and, we was all surprised when we walked around the back of that inn and there they were, just like the angel said! They had an ol’ burro tied to a post... I’ll never forget it. The man was layin’ out on a pallet snorin’ away ... shoot, he’d walked all the way from Galilee. And the lady, she was propped up against a feed manger holding a baby.

“They were country people, didn’t look like they had much. What struck me was it was so ... simple, so unfancy. I was expectin’ more of a fiesta. This was the baby that the angels had said was going to be a Savior to all the people in the world, but it didn’t seem right that they’d just invite a bunch of sheepherders? Seems like they’d tell the priest or at least the mayor, have some fanfare ... but they didn’t.”

That old feeling that had come over him standing 10 feet away from those angels all those years ago came back. A shiver ran up his arm. Tío had kept track of the baby. They’d named him Jesus. Tío had watched as Jesus grew up and turned into ... a hero. People followed him wherever He went. He performed miracles. He preached. He said He was the Son of God.

Well, Tío believed it. You can’t just make up angels. He touched the campfire with his stick. José’s son Jake, now a grown man, spoke into the silence, “I held Him,” he said quietly.

“The señora got up and needed to go outside. I took Him very carefully. He was warm, the baby, but it felt like He was holding me and not the other way around. I stayed very still and then, to my surprise ... He looked at me ... like He knew what I was thinking.

“Then he reached up and put his hand in mine, and I filled up inside like I knew everything that mattered in the world,” Jake paused, “and through all that has happened since then, to Him, and to me ... He has never let go of my hand.”

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, “Poems Worth Saving,” other books and DVDs.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Christmas wish list



Dear Santa,

There really isn’t much I want for Christmas this year. I already got a big tractor-trailer and cargo thanks to the Omega Morgan Company of Hillsboro, Ore.

I have my health, despite staying up until Oh-Dark-Thirty with a few hearty souls and probably half the law enforcement personnel in the county to watch the 450-ton behemoth roll through Homedale with what seemed like a dozen escort vehicles.

There’s been plenty of excitement in our little local sports world, too, with the success of the Homedale High School football team and now, with some of the same athletes, the Trojans’ boys’ basketball team.

But we can’t forget the HHS girls’ basketball team or the wrestlers from both Marsing and Homedale. They’re having a pretty spectacular holiday season, too.

At first glance, it looks like the City of Homedale will have a mayor in Gheen Christoffersen who will put the city’s interests ahead of his own.

Speaking of Homedale, I do hope that everyone involved gets what they’re looking for when it comes to the King’s Department Store situation. Tom King wants a successful venture, and it appears the town’s business owners want something that won’t disrupt an already-tenuous customer

base. There has to be some middle ground, but it’s my hope that even if none can be found that King’s still comes to town and brings jobs, too.

I suppose if there was one thing you could bring me for Christmas, Santa, it would be a little relief for the county elected officials and residents caught up in the ongoing frustration that is life with the Bureau of Land Management.

My wish for the ranchers and county commissioners is that federal bureaucrats take a real hard look at the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and what it requires from agencies such as BLM when dealing with county governments with land use plans.

It appears that what the Board of County Commissioners has endured during the Owyhee Resource Area permit renewal falls far short of the definition of coordination.

Commissioners have complained that they didn’t get advance copies of any of the permit renewal decisions, to which coordinating agencies are entitled under FLPMA.

Alas, there may be very little the conservative county can do — or is willing to do — given the fact that it may take a court battle to make the feds behave appropriately.

Maybe, Santa, you have a bunch of cash stashed in your sack for legal fees?

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Tribes’ importance to Idaho
should not be overlooked



The five Native American tribes of Idaho — the Shoshone-Paiute, Coeur d’Alene, Kootenai, Nez Perce and Shoshone-Bannock — contribute to Idaho’s rich culture and are intrinsic to Idaho’s history and development.

In recognition of their important role in our communities, for the past five years, I have supported legislation to celebrate the heritages of Native Americans and their contributions to the United States. The resolution I co-sponsored, which was passed by the Senate by Unanimous Consent on Nov. 20, 2013, recognizes a number of contributions of Native Americans to our nation. S.Res. 305 was introduced by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of 25 senators. The resolution includes the following recognitions:

Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community;

Native Americans have moving stories of tragedy, triumph and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations;

Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including the fields of agriculture, medicine, music language, and art;

Native Americans have distinguished themselves as

— See *Tribes*, Page 21A

Letter to the editor

Fair wages by corporations
could ease tax burden

The continued Congressional assault on entitlements seems extreme to me. Social Security can be fixed by simply lifting the cap on the tax for this program and taxing everyone at the same rate.

The Medicaid part of the Affordable Care Act, if states like Idaho would agree to accept the funding, would help uninsured, low-income people. It would also relieve us who have insurance from indirectly paying for emergency visits of the uninsured with higher premiums.

Taxpayers need to be relieved of the payment for welfare for the underpaid employees of corporations. The fast food restaurants are big corporations that are guilty of this practice. They pay poverty wages with no benefits and then direct employees to go to the food stamp office. The 10 top Fast Food Restaurants cost us (the taxpayers) more than \$3.83 billion. McDonalds is the biggest abuser at \$1.28B.

(From the November Issue of Lowdown.)

Almost a third of the half-million U.S. bank tellers receive public assistance. Workers collect about \$105 million in food stamps, \$250M through earned income tax credit, \$534M by way of Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program, according to the University of California at Berkeley’s Labor Center. (Also, reprinted in the Idaho Statesman.)

WalMart is the largest U.S. employer with 2.4 million employees. WalMart revenue for year 2013 was \$469 billion. Its profit was \$27.8 billion. It is estimated that states (us) pay up to \$1 billion to subsidize WalMart’s lowest-paid workers. CNN said WalMart could give its employees a 50 percent pay raise and still satisfy its shareholders. (Internet: WalMart employees getting welfare.)

I think it stinks that we taxpayers are subsidizing corporate employment. Could raising the minimum wage eliminate welfare for the underpaid?

Fred Christensen
Caldwell (Sunnyslope)

Commentary

Financial management Christmas budget for those in debt is worth a conversation

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have \$15,000 in debt left to pay off. We bring home around \$32,000 a year, and we usually spend \$250 to \$300 on Christmas. I started talking to her about your plan earlier this year, and she finally agreed and got on board a couple of months ago. How should we handle Christmas budgeting in the middle of working our debt snowball?

— Scott

might even ask if she’s OK with your old Christmas budget. If she is, then pencil it in and move on to other things.

The big thing is to make sure you listen to her opinion and work on this together. On the off chance that she gives some crazy dollar amount, just nod and ask how she came to that figure. Then, talk things out. Don’t bring up my name or go crazy about things. It sounds like you two are on the right track!

— Dave



This tax-free growth is what makes the Roth TSP an excellent choice.

In other words, if you’ve got \$1 million in your current investment, and \$900,000 is growth, you’ll get taxed on that portion. That would amount to around \$300,000. If your money is in a Roth, there are no taxes. You just saved \$300,000 out of every \$1 million. Not a bad deal, is it?

— Dave

Dear Dave,
What do you think about using an online bank for my emergency fund?

— Raphael

Raphael. There are reliable household names that are online banks, but you can’t just assume the group you’re dealing with online is made up of honest, stand-up folks any more than you can with a traditional brick-and-mortar bank. Make sure you take your time and know exactly what you’re getting into before going into business with them.

Remember, it’s not as simple with an online bank as just walking in the door to get your money back if something goes wrong!

— Dave

Dear Scott,
The first thing I’d suggest is to not mention my name for a while. If she’s agreed to start working the plan and help you guys get control of your money, that’s enough for now. We don’t want to cause a rift during the holidays.

Just sit down together and ask her what she thinks is a reasonable amount to spend for Christmas while you’re trying to get out of debt. If it’s a reasonable figure, smile and tell her you agree. You

Dear Dave,
Do you think I should consider switching from my traditional TSP (Thrift Savings Plan) to a Roth TSP?

— Jeremy

Dear Jeremy,
If I’ve got a choice, I’m going with the Roth TSP. Now, if you’re starting out really late with your saving and investing, the math might work out either way. But

in most cases, when you’ve got several years ahead of you, a Roth TSP, or even a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k) where your money grows tax-free, is a much better choice.

Remember, unless you’ve waited until you’re in your 60s, the vast majority of the money in the account will be growth. Ten percent or less will be the money you actually put into the account.

Dear Raphael,
It’s not a bad idea at all, as long as you can easily check out the institution’s reputation and stability. There are lots of financial scams online, so you want to do some research and make sure they’re a reputable and trustworthy organization.

Due diligence is the key,

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

Vision and values Equations of Christmas: What does “X” really mean?

by Dr. Gary Welton

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, a White Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Season’s Greetings; but most of all, I wish you a Blessed Christmas.

Being at our season of life, in those years between teenage children and endearing excitable grandchildren, my wife and I recall our various memories of Christmas past. We remember our common extended family traditions, which involved cramming scores of beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins into small houses that comfortably held only a handful, in which we enjoyed a fantastic spread of holiday treats (though most of us ate primarily from the food that our own mother had prepared, as familiarity always trumped the risk of change).

Not every memory is positive, however, as there were moments of boredom, serious sledding accidents, cattle breaking through the fence, sibling-like spats between kissing cousins jammed into such close quarters, and the trip to the ER when grandma fell off her chair. Nevertheless, I always smile when I remember the moments we shared and our common Christian tradition. We celebrated our sacred faith in the mystery of Christ’s provision of redemption.

Our society, however, is moving away from the shared sacred holiday. As we become a more diverse society, we begin to replace the Christmas carols with the holiday

music. We replace the infinite incarnation with the maudlin focus on white snow and green trees. One particular holiday greeting, however, is more sacred than it first appears.

Some of my Christian friends and mentors have waxed eloquent about their rejection of the “Xmas” greeting. They argue that we have taken Christ out of Christmas and replaced Christ with “X,” an algebraic symbol for a variable unknown quantity. The history of the term Xmas, however, is not algebraic, but rather rooted in the Greek language and the letter *chi* (x).

Early Christians used the fish as a symbol of their faith. The Greek word for fish, *icqu*s (ichthys), was used as an acrostic reference to the incarnate Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior. It is said that during the life-and-death persecution of the early church, a Christian meeting someone new would begin to draw a fish in the sand. If the other person was a Christian, he or she would complete the drawing. If the second person was not a Christian, the ambiguity of the half-symbol would not reveal the first person as a Christian. The letter x quickly became a recognized abbreviation for Christ. Hence, it was natural to shorten the term Christmas to the term chi-mas, or Xmas.

Some in our society will argue that Christmas should become a secular holiday, separated from the Christian tradition, given the early historical celebration of the winter solstice. It is no accident, however, that Christmas is the

most significant holiday in America, totally eclipsing any celebration of the summer solstice. Separating Christmas from its sacred meanings is simultaneously robbing Christmas of its lasting impact in our society and our individual lives.

Although some will use the Xmas greeting in an attempt to separate the secular from the sacred, the historical roots show that the term Xmas is an indirect reference to Christ. The use of Xmas by some might be an attempt to suggest that the speaker is trying to replace Christ with the algebraic symbol for the unknown. Nevertheless, we can solve for the value of X in Xmas. The experienced hearer will solve for X and find the value of X is equal to the infinite focus of our Christmas season.

As a growing secular society attempts to remove Jesus Christ from the equations of Christmas, take joy in the fact that despite these efforts the ultimate truth remains: The reason for the season is a gift from God — a baby’s birth nearly 2,000 years ago — the world’s Savior.

Have yourself a blessed little Christmas this year.

— Dr. Gary L. Welton is assistant dean for institutional assessment, professor of psychology at Grove City College, and a contributor to *The Center for Vision & Values*. He is a recipient of a major research grant from the Templeton Foundation to investigate positive youth development.

✓ Tribes: Native Americans play crucial part in driving Idaho’s economy

From Page 20A

inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders and scholars;

Native Americans have served with honor and distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States, and continue to serve in the Armed Forces in greater numbers per capita than any other group in the United States.

In addition to designating November as national Native American Month and the day after Thanksgiving as Native American Heritage Day to honor the great achievements of Native Americans and their ancestors, the resolution emphasizes Congress’ reaffirmation of tribal self-governance and its commitment to “improving the lives of all Native

Americans by enhancing health care and law enforcement resources, improving the housing and socioeconomic status of Native Americans, and approving settlement litigation involving Indian tribes and the United States.”

The tribes’ significant role in our economy is reflected in a report by Steven Peterson, Research Economist and Instructor, Department of Business, University of Idaho, titled “The Economic Impacts of the Five Tribes of Idaho.” This 2010 report that was jointly sponsored by the five tribes indicates that collectively the Idaho tribes are among the top 10 employers in Idaho. The report indicates that the tribes are responsible for 6,258 jobs when taking into ac-

count various tribal governmental, enterprise and contracting activities. Further, the report specifies that the tribes contributed approximately \$877.9 million in economic activity in 2009 alone and generated \$24.7 million in state and local tax revenues.

The Native American Tribes in Idaho have contributed much to our state’s complex history, our culture and our economy and will continue to do so.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. Crapo is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Public notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2013-3119-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF URIEL YEHEZKELY, A.K.A. URI SKELY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michele Yehezkely has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to counsel on record, Russell G. Metcalf, Metcalf Law Office, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, Idaho 83628, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 19th day of December, 2013
/s/Russell G. Metcalf, ISB No. 7024, Attorney at Law, 17 E. Wyoming Avenue, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, ID 83628 Phone (208) 583-2354 (208) 337-4945 Fax (208) 337-4854, Attorney for Petitioner
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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LOT 4 IN BLOCK 2 OF SILVER SAGE SUBDIVISION NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED MAY 29, 1998 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 225021, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 103 Silver Sage Pl, Homedale, ID 83628 is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Tad Osborn Hansen and Mindy Janice Hansen, Husband and Wife, as grantors to Ticor Title Ins. Co., as trustee, for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as a nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation and its successors and assigns, recorded May 30, 2008, as Instrument

No. 265186 Mortgage Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Said Deed of Trust was assigned on July 20, 2012 to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association under Auditor's File No. 278262 on August 6, 2012.

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That's when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands

Christmas in Arock, Jordan Valley



As he did at the end of other community Christmas plays, Santa made an appearance at the conclusion of the Jordan Valley Elementary School play. Here, 5-year-old Alanah Hernandez tells her list to the jolly fellow. Jordan Valley High School junior Braden Fillmore helped out. Photo by Tara Echave



The days before holiday break in Jordan Valley and Arock mean it's time to produce Christmas programs.
Above: Jordan Valley Elementary School students sing during their Christmas program.
Right: Minerva Culpepper, played by Meg Eiguren (left), is restrained by Gladys Culpepper, played by Martina Stanford, during the W. W. Jones Elementary School's Christmas production in Arock.

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Owyhee schoolchildren
share their wish lists

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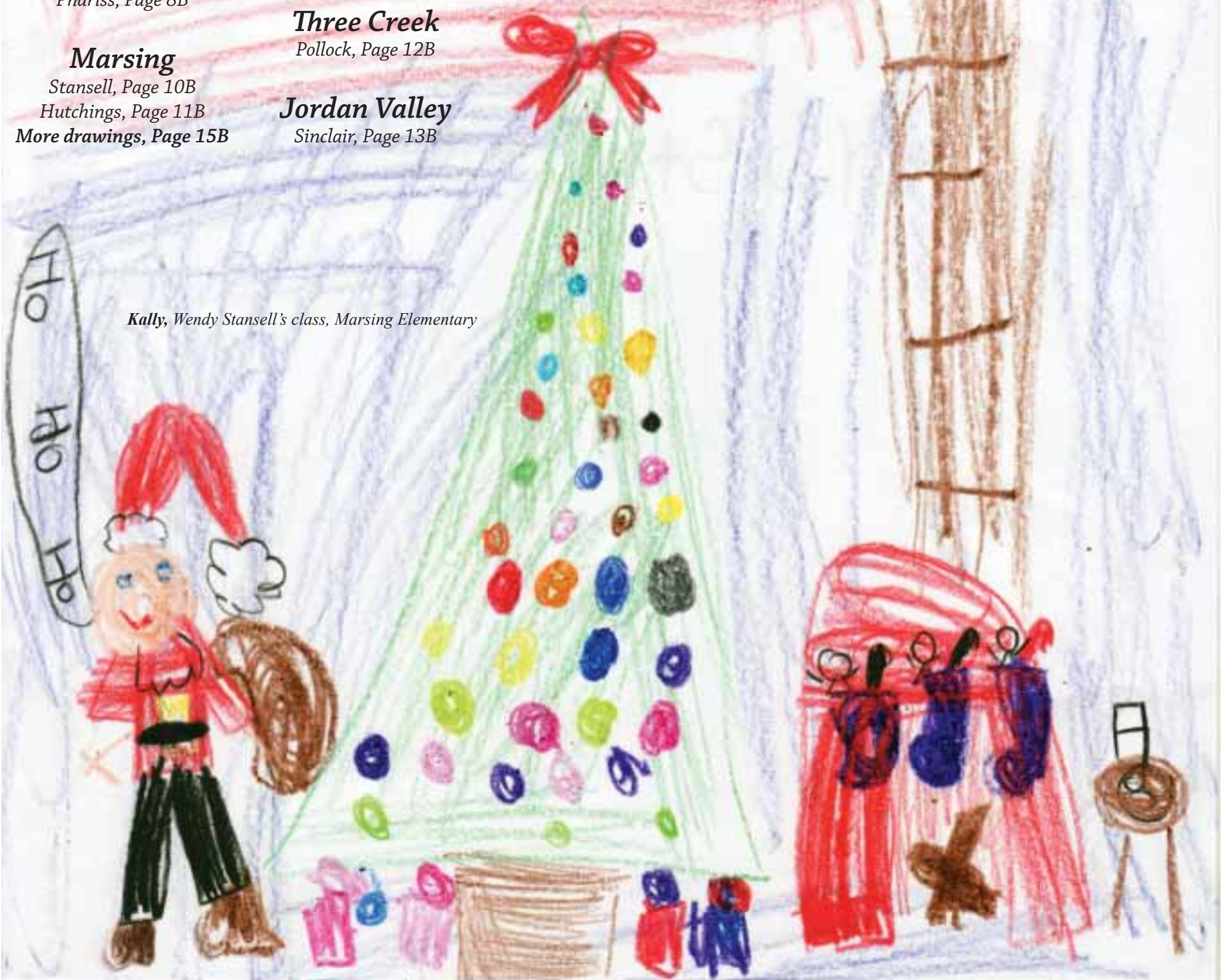
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Homedale Elementary School

Kristen Uria's first-graders

During this busy holiday season take some time to relax and enjoy your family and friends. Reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the true reason for celebration!



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:8-14

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Francisco, Kristen Uria's class, Homedale Elementary

<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Expo2. ball3. airplane4. cross5. truck6. iPod <p>Jordi</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Book2. A lamb3. mittens4. Super soft warm blanket5. Real pup <p>Allie</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. toy sword2. toy gun3. toy axe4. fluffy5. toy anarrow <p>Chris</p>
<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. remote airplanes2. brown remoter3. Holacotrs4. rasacor remote <p>Jesus</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A 4 wheeler2. A electric guitar3. A tablet4. A laptop5. A Angry Bird game6. A X box 360 <p>Brandon</p>	<p>My Wish List decipher</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A four wheeler2. A Pet Parrot3. earrings4. Necklace5. A Make up6. necklace <p>Gwen</p>
<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A big bear like Tano2. Sleajy3. stuffed animals4. fabe warrior5. slegh6. X box! <p>Isaac</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Markers2. crayons3. barbies4. books5. toy cat6. Love for you <p>Averee</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pirates of the Carrbean Wii2. Basket ball hoop3. Foot ball4. Blue Markers5. a phone <p>Jack</p>
<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A black coat2. Now Now toy3. A Horse4. Purple shirt5. Book6. Boat <p>Brisa</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bow and arrow2. A giant nerf gun3. A pistol belt with real pistots4. Nerf gun pistols5. A motorcycle <p>Carsten</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Panda2. Baby Kitten3. stuffed Penguin4. LioncuB5. Puppy <p>Kira</p>
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<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A table t2. A Christmas ornament for Madilyn3. Some warm Winter clothes4. Sled for everybody in my family5. Easy book <p>Carson</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A bright golden star2. A hot fuzzy jacket3. some hot wheels4. rainbow marker5. 3D DS6. mario Brothers game <p>Miguel</p>	<p>My Wish List</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A hot purple dress2. A make up kit3. that Santa gets a present4. calendar5. Everybody have a good Christmas <p>Sloan</p>

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Tammy Glaser's first-graders

- My Wish List
1. drumset
 2. bike
 3. puzzle
 4. boat
 5. Dog
 6. dirt bike

- My Wish List
1. shorsts
 2. pants
 3. scooter
 4. Boots
 5. shoes

Josue

Cruz

- My Wish List
1. Easy Bake
 2. Doll
 3. Hello Kitty
 4. Laptop
 5. Games

- My Wish List
1. Legos
 2. Phone
 3. bike

Christian

Skyler

- My Wish List
1. Easy Bake Oven
 2. Basket ball hoop
 3. head phones
 4. Barbies
 5. head fonz

- My Wish List
1. dime
 2. quarter
 3. brush
 4. dollar
 5. tablet
 6. barking dog

Nakita

Kenzie

- My Wish List
1. footballs
 2. guitar
 3. clock
 4. dryer
 5. kitten

- My Wish List
1. shorts
 2. shirts
 3. Pants
 4. Rain Boots
 5. Snow Boots

Emily

Jose

- My Wish List
1. Easy bake oven
 2. Baby house
 3. Puzzle
 4. water stuffed animal
 5. Expo markers
 6. work Book

- My Wish List
1. puppet
 2. Sonic toy
 3. train
 4. coat
 5. blanket
 6. ball
 7. trumpet

Joseph

Kennedy

- My Wish List
1. Megabomb helicopter
 2. remote control car
 3. xbox one
 4. video games
 5. soccer ball

- My Wish List
1. legos
 2. gun
 3. tablet
 4. computer
 5. Radio
 6. Christmas
 7. monster truck

Todd

Jabe

- My Wish List
1. pool party
 2. control ladybug
 3. cats
 4. fish
 5. dogs
 6. puzzles
 7. foxs
 8. frogs

- My Wish List
1. Basket ball
 2. Soccer ball
 3. Scooter
 4. dirt bike

Terry

Kassady

- My Wish List
1. bike
 2. doll
 3. bed
 4. shirt
 5. Tree
 6. Scooter

- My Wish List
1. dog
 2. Computer
 3. airplane
 4. Jacket
 5. Legos

Ventura

Daniela

- My Wish List
1. 10 ZOOMers
 2. shoes
 3. Pants
 4. shirts
 5. Barbie
 6. socks
 7. dresses
 8. Bush
 9. mascare
 10. Lipstick
 11. Eyeshadow

- My Wish List
1. toy car
 2. LEGO Iron man
 3. Phone
 4. Costume
 5. Transforming brix
 6. money

Timmothy

Kali

Keaton



Joseph, Tammy Glaser's class, Homedale Elementary

- My Wish List
1. lego star wars
 2. dog
 3. x wing
 4. tele pods

Hector

3. dog
4. necklace

Janette

- My Wish List
1. ABC Book
 2. shirts
 3. Barbie
 4. tablet

Anahi

- My Wish List
1. bike
 2. Swimming pool
 3. doll
 4. tablet

Joseph

- My Wish List
1. ipod
 2. Sky ball
 3. mind craft person
 4. hot wheels

Pablo

- My Wish List
1. dog
 2. bank
 3. crayon
 4. drum
 5. kite
 6. computer

Daisy

Yaris

- My Wish List
1. laptop
 2. computer

- My Wish List
1. tablet
 2. computer
 3. marker
 4. twelve dollars

Daniel

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Laura Eubanks' second-graders

December Dear,
I love Christmas for pets for me and brother for snak brothe Christmas for family I love me for bird for Christmas I love black and white bird

Love, Araceli

Dear Santa,
I want to know if you can make it to my house? What tipe of frosting do you like? Do you like goat milk? I helped my brother make his bed. I heped my mother with the groshres. I want a trapuling for Christmas. I also want a puppy for Christmas. I also want stufft animal for Chistmas. Do you need a power drink for the elves and you.

From, Keegan

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have it kind of soundes like you have a lot. How many people are on the good list. How many people are on the bad list. When my bigsister fell on the rode and I terid to help her up but she didnot let me but she is stil my bibsister and I love her and she love me too. When my little brother got rily rily muddy I washed him so my mom would not haf too I maked my bed 4 times. I cleed my room 10 times it was rily rily meses so I want sum new headfones. A new book 2. Mary Crismis

Love, Kamela

Dear Santa,
How do your reinders fly? How do send down the presents so fast? I take out the garbiges and help mom take care of the baby. I want a Nerf gun for Christmas and a Nerf bo and aro to and a remot cuntroll moster truck for Christmas. have a good vacashin in the summer to Sata.

bye, Riley

Dear Santa,
I wanted to know how do the the reindeers fly? Do you put dust on them? How I've been good is I help my mom take care of my baby brother and do dinner with her. Oh and santa I want an Ipad for christmas and some headphones and a case for my Ipad. When christmas is over are you and Mrs. Claus going on vacation? Oh have a nice summer vacation.

From, Alondra

Dear Santa,
What is you favorite dog? What kind of elf do you like the most? What do you do in the North pole? I ben good this year. I hope I am on the nice list. I woud like a stuffed animal dog and a neklace. I wish you a marre christmes. I wish you a happy new year.

Love, Malia

Dear Santa,
How do your Deer fly? Santa How bo you fiy wif your slay? I

help my mom Klenig the Dishes. I wot for Christmas is a xbox1 and ipoD. Santa you rok. Santa mrer Christmas.

From, Jesse

Dear Santa,
How is it at the north pool? Is it cold? How I am good? I help my mom clean the table and take care of my baby brother. What me and my brother want for Chistmas is this game called skate 3 for the PS3. Where are you going to visit when Chistmas is over.

Love, Jose

Dear Santa,
Do the rendeer have the floo? How many coocies do you eat in a year? I have been good when I by candy I share with my little brother. I read my littl brother 4 books and I am nice in skool. All I want for Christmas is a white and brown dog pleas. Have a nice year.

Lovee, Bobby

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers doing? How do yo get your reindeers to fly? How do your elves grow ther ears? I help my mom wash the dishes. I help my littl sister with my computer so she could get on it to wach her ABCs. I want to get a blue DS with games or a xbox one or cars. I wish you have a nice Vacation. I wish you have a nice Christmas. I wish I can see you on the sky.

from, Anthony

Dear Santa,
I wonder what youer elvs are duweing. I am nice to my brother. I want a x box three with the game is dead risinge three. I wish you have a good Chistmas and wen chistmas is over have a good vakashon.

from, Hugo

Dear Santa,
I like chrismas. It's my favorit sezan. It is my only whon I like because you are cool. I have help't my brother when he gets hurt. I love my brothers and my sister and family. Can I have laego Chima and a chima games. But my brother a new buble bee car. And my Mom a hew ring. And my Dad geolit box. I rely wish I can see you.

Love your frind, Hunter



Lita, Laura Eubanks' class, Homedale Elementary

Dear Santa,
How do your elves get long ears? How do your reindeers fly in the sky? How do your elves make the toys? I've been good when I was giving choires. I've been good when I was washing the dishes. I want for christmas a 2DS-XL and a X-box-one and a pokeman cards. Have a nice vacation when christmas is over.

From, Diego

Dear Sant,
What is your favorite food? Is your favorite dizrt pumkin pie I hope I am not on the noty list or I will not get any presents because I rely want my tablit. I help my Mom and Dad with my litle sister Meadow. I wish I will get my tablit becuse I rely want to play games so so bad! I wish you a mery chrismas And a happy new year to yoo!

Love, Madeline

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are your elves? Aar you doing fine? On Halloween I gave my brother some candy because he din't have very much. Can have a puppy and a country girl doll?

Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
How do the elves make presands? Why are the elves so small? How is Christmas going

to be? i have been doing a lot of good things like feeding the dog. And if glass breaks I pick it up. I am wondering if you can get me an xbox 1. I also want Ewok village. I hope you have a good Chrstmas. And have a good year.

Love, Jeremiah

Dear Santa,
How do your randirfly Santa? How is Mis Santa doing Santa how do youfit all thos toys dun bey Crismis Santa? I be nis to my borther it is hard most to the time Santa. I be his to my mom

to. For Crismis I write boot. My brother whats sum bull riding stuf. My sister rily whats a good crismis Sata. I hop you have a good Crisms Santa I left cirit for the ranbir and cuces for you.

Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa,
wear do you get the presents? why do the reindeer fly? Why do you give the presents to the kide? I have been good becus I clen my room. I lesen to my mom. I do

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Marcie Coffman's second-graders

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Angel. I am 7 years odd
I want a cotin cany maker I like
cotin cany. How are you at The
Narth Pol? How are you reindeer
and Rudolph the Red Nose
Reindeer. I like that one. Thank
you for your jingle Bell and I
want zoomer and Furby book.
your friend, Angel

Dear, Santa Claus,
My name is Korina and I'm
7 years old. Are you having fun
rapping presents? Are you feeling
okay? I have been good because
I help around the house. I want
a Barbie set and some hot coco
a remote control horse. Thank
you for giving presents to every
body. hohoho!
your friend, Korina

Dear Santa Claus,
I am good because I take of
my stuff when I come home from
grandma and grandpa's house. I
also helped the children in the
Phillipines. I would like to have
a doctor misstuffens stuffs.
Your Friend, Natalia

Dear Santa,
I 8 yers old. How do you go to
evry house in one night? I want
a xbox one gams And x box one.
And a magic set. Do you achle
have elves? When the sky is red
are you making candy canes? Ho
Ho Ho!
your friend, Mathew R.

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa have the reindeers
been good? And how can you
go down the chimney? I am 7

years old this Christmas. I want
a skatebroad because I can go on
walks with it. I live in the country
in Parma. thak you. I love you
Santa Clous!
your friend, Baylee

Dear Santa,
My name is Arlett. I want a
Christmas hat because I want to
look like you. And two balls for
my baby brother one is yelloe the
other is red. And for my sister
a hat like me. And my mom a
brush. And for my dad a candle.
Is your nose cold? I love you.
Your friend, Arlett

Dear Santa Claus,
How Do you fly? What do
your raindears eet? I do lots of
yard work. I want jordan shoes
because they are cool and Niky
sox too. Ho! Ho! HO! to santa
clause!
Your friend, Bryant

Dear Santa,
How are your reendrs and elve
doinig I want an xbox E60 for
Christmas and a xbox one and
a play stashen Ive ben good I
helped my mom cleaning up the
house.
your frend, Lucio

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Brock. How cold
does it get at the north pole? Has
one of the rain dear past out?
Where did the rain dear get there
magic? Where did you find the
raindeer? I would want to have
golf clubs and a little golf cart
because if I got to many clubs
I would need a cart to carry it.



Andres, Margo Phariss' class, Homedale Elementary

Don't crash on Chrismas Santa!
your friend, Brock

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Katie. I am 7 years old
I want a Barbie dall. because I
been good to my sisters How are
your reindeere? Are thay soft?
Are you reel? I want allot of
presents.
your friend, Katie

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a tablet
and barbies with a Barbie car.
houres. Barbie the color is pink.
I love you and I want the Barbie

becus I could play with my sister
and the tablet to play with my
sisters too. I hope you like my
orments at my house I want to
no whuldo the rainder eat? I also
want an xbox 360
your Friend, Anahi

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. How
are the raindeer? How are you?
I have been good because I have
been doing my homework. I want
a toy monkey because It is cute.
A cristmas bracet because I will
it to my mom. Merry Cristmas!
your frend, Sadie

Dear Santa,
I am Hailey I am 7 years old I
have been good so menee days.
I want to have some presents
because I was so good I want a
princess doll because I love them
so much. why do you have a little
bit of deer on the chains? I hpe
you do not crash!
your friend, Hailey

Dear Santa,
I am Yesenia How are you today?
I hope you are fine and happy. Are
you? I am being good because am

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Christine Ketterling's second-graders

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys from last year I loved them so much. And I hop you will get me sumthing else difrinte this year. You are the beste. And I chered my best this yier. What are you doing santa are you haveing a good day.

Love, Kaytlin

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all the toys you gave me. And did you know that the toys you gave me last year I still have them. I have been very good in school. For christmas I want a brand new dress. And I want a doll too. I also want a pony. what kind of cookies do you like?

Love, Jackie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presats it mean allot to me. How are your raindeers doing? Were they duoing great on christmas eve? I will leave choclet milk. and choclet chip coockies on christmas.

Love, Alfred

Dear Santa,
Thank for the toy Dineosor But how are the elfs Doing? Are the ranedear flying good and I am being good this year and this year I wont a broun dog and starwar Lageos.

Sincerely, Carlin

Dear Santa Claus,
Thak you for all the toys you gave me last christmas. How do you fly and how do youget around the world? I have been beeing a good boy this year. I hope I get alot of presents this year.

love, Alex

Dear Mr. Santa,
Thank you for wat you bring me! you are nice How are the rainbers? I am good Does Mrs. Ketterling now you! Thank you for all you done so thank you sana!

Love, Eric

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank-you I love you because you are so nise you brings us presents. Last year you got me a scooer. Are last year you got me a mackup box and I have been so good this year. In DECEMBER. This year I want a jrley box and a mackup box. How are your randear this year?

Love, Kenedy

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank-you for the gautar. How did roudoth get a red nose. How is Hrs. Claus doing. Can I have a remotertroll trashpack and a zoomer for my sister.

Love, Joseph

Dear Santa,
How is the ranedear doing. How is the esterbunny doing. I

been good for my mom. Thank you for my truck. can I have a xbox three sixty. and can I have a I fone.

Love, Justus

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank-you for my tablit, candy. Are the raindeer good or bad? Do you likechocolate cookies? For my horse he would relly like a new winter blainket to stay warm. I would like a new bike pink, proeple.

Love, Abagale

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Last year Thank you for the presnt why bo you ride the slads? I like rideing sleds. What does your houe look like santa?

Love Damian

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the bike you gave me last year. How is Rudof the red nose raindeer? What is your favirot kind of cookie? What I want for christmas is books and a new bik that no traning wheels on it I have been really good this year.

love, Macee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the doll you got me last year. But all I want for Cristmas is my sisters two front theeth and a paint set. But I want to know what is your favoite cookie? And is Prancer being good?

Sincerely, Olivia

Dear Sata,
I will give you nice cookies. I like the cany give me. I wat a puppet-dog and that is all.

Love, Jake Dobler

Dear Santa claus,
Thank you for the big flash light ad the trainset. How are the elvs and the raindeer? can you get Cowboy close. can you get my brother a bebe gun.

Love, Alejandro

Dear santa,
Thank you for the toy that I got last year. And this year can I please get a barbie house because I alredy have a-lot of barbies but I want it Large. And can I please have an I-pod but can I have it real. merry christmas santa!!!

Love, Kinlee

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank-you for every thing you got me last year. What I hope to get for christmas is a animal coloring book. How are all the raindeer and elves? What kind of cookies do you like? I have elve at my house he is a elve on the shelf. On christmas eve he will go back to the north poul.

Love, Isana

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the Randear what



Alex, Christine Ketterling's class, Homedale Elementary

cookies Do you Like? Santa I want a Monster High in the house and I want a Barbie and the house I want my family to have a good good chritmas. Happy Day Santa Claus!

Sincerely Love, Amani

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the books from last year. how many kids are in the world you shoud know? Can I have a babie for Christmas? Why do you wear red, why can't you wear black, blue pink or white? Why do you be sneaky when you deliver presnts?

Love, Lexie

Dear Sata Claus,
I wan't a remont conter car. And my sister wa't a Bike. I will make your cookies for you I hope you have a great christmas Ow I forgot I aso wan't a foot ball.

Love, Ramiro

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the raindeer. Thank you for the air goteer and the DSI. I liked it. Thank you for this stuff. Santa I am so good. I am helping my Mom and Dad. Santa for this christmas I want a cowboy wimp and a PS3 and A EDS. I want a hot wheels colleshen.

Love, Emario

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank-you for sending me the electric scooter from last year and this year. I would like a crazy kart. How is Rudolph, Prancer, Dixon and Dancer doing? What do the reindeers like to eat? What kind of cookies do you like?

Love, Izmael

Dear Santa,
Thank you Far the Barbies ths year I want a Barbinehou. With a Ivatr and Thank you Far last year. Have a good year Santa. Can you give my mom a neclis and earrings I love you Santa

Love, Sierra



Ashten, Patty Dalrymple's class, Grand View Elementary



Homedale Elementary School

Margo Phariss' second-graders

Dear Santa,
how have you been? How good is Mrs. claus been? I am sorry for all the times that I have been bad. For a present I wont a flash flight friend, a cereeoackee musheen, and a gitar case. I will leve you chocklit cookie on Christmas Eve and hotcocoa for you on the table. I bet yoru elves are doowing fine. How are yoru reindeer. I hope you have a great christmas.

Love, Trinity

Dear sant claus,
How does is Mr.s Claus doing? Does Mrs. Claus ride the sled? How are the elves? I feed my dog. I help mom mom feeding my baby brother. I am good to my brother and my sister. I clean all the rooms for my mom. Wen we go to the store I help my mom with my baby brother. I help my mom with my baby brother. I help my mom with the table and dishing and food for diner. I help my mom makeing the beds. I want for Chrisamas is a tablet and a xboxone and a willa. I want a tablet because me and my sister and my freind are makeing a movie. I want most a xbox one to play with my cousin and my sister and my freind victor. Thank you santclaus. I love chrisamas and sant clause and Mrs. claus and the elfs for the toys and the reindeers. I mabe leave cookies I love Santa. Clause.

Love, Edith

Dear santa clause,
How can you make your reinndeers fly? How are you doing? How is ruddph doing? I have ben very good alot. I am very good at home because I help my mom to do the dishisis I hope that you like milk and cookies alot. But I do not know because I will not be home I am living Home but I will be back home with my mom and dad and grandpa and family too. You are very, very, very, nice because you give us toys a something you eveing give some candy and more too. That is why you are very, very, very, very, very nice to us. I hope that you and Mrs.

claws is great. I want a xbox and a coloring book and a new coat and with the new coat can it be a preitty coat.

Love, Rena

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and your reinderrs? Are your elve's working hard? How is Mrs. Claus? How do you make the reinders fly? I wa a good girl this year after dinner I washed dishes. I realy want a kereoky mushen, not end 3 des, art stuff. I Mosly want a kareoky mushen because you can sing along with it and sing with the mikerphone. I'm going to leave cookie for you. How many reinderrs do you have so I know how much carrats to leave for your reinderrs? Thank you. I love Christmas. Have you ever tried hot coco with a candy cane and you stere it have you. It's good.

Love, Crystal

Dear Santa,
how do you make your Reindeer fly in the skiy. How are the elves doing at makeing toys. and I was nice to my dog. and I want a xbox 360 and a halo3 game becaus so I cold play with my frends and brothr. and the most thing that I want is a dog. and think you. I hope you doing great.

and by, Jose

Dear Santa Clause,
How do you make yoru elfs doing? how is mrs. claus doing? I am good to my mom and my dad and to my brother. How do you make toys? How is Rudolph's noos red? When did you find the reindeer? I won't an xbox one. to play grand Theft 5.

love, Omar

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer? How are you? I have been good all year I help my mom and dad. I wont a new per of shoos that are red reabox shoos and a new bike that is red and blue the tires are green and I wont a ipod fouth genrashan that is red on the bah of it and I wont a ifone with a red



Juniper, Margo Phariss' class, Homedale Elementary

life proof case. Thank you. your my Friend.

Your Friend, Corey

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa. How be the elves. Do you go around. I have been good. Me and my beruther did the dishis. Are Mom did not do they. Can I plese have a rateio and some more wii games and 3DS games. Thank you. I wish you a merry Christmas.

your friend, Shade

Dear santa,
How are the Raindeer? is dasher ok? I have been really good I feed my dogs and do what I am told. My christmas list. Ipod 4th generashun. I want a mountan bike. The last thing I want is new shoes. Thank you for all of the gives you have go me. I will writ you next year.

your freind, Braden

Santa and mri claus,
how are you doing ? How are the Reindeer? How are the toys doing I was not vere nusus to the cats. I'm going to ask my sister to mack cookies. I wunt cole

and I wunt my dog sewit. thank you santa and Mr's claus Merry Christmas.

FRuM, Juniper

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santacluas? How are the reindeers doing? I was so good to my sister and my mom. Santa could you bring me a computer for Christmtamas please Santa I was good to my sisters and my mom and my dad and my brothers please Santa. thank you Santaclaus

Love, Ruri

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How cold is it thyre? How are your Raindeer? Santa I have been good like the time I cleaned the whole living room by my self. I want the new Diary of a wimpy kid so I can get smarter I also want the thing I need for my XBox 360 so I can play a little bit more. what I really want is the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Thank you for coming each year I know it is hard work. preparing. I really really really like santa.

Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,
Does Dancer dance? Is Blizen tough? Does Prancer prance? I have been really good by doing good deeds like washing dishes and cleaning my room and watering chickens. I want a tablet because I want to text my brother. i want any cool boy Lego set because I love Legos. I want a moution bike because I've wanted a bike. but I want the windows tablet with a red keyboard most. Thank you for presents last year and merry Christmas!

From, Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you make your reindeer fly? How is Mrs. Clause and

you doing? How are your elves listening? How are the reindeer doing? Is Rudolph being a good boy? I have being a goooood in school. Can I please have a present for my mom because she is very sad. I rielly want a tablet for Christmas. I will put some cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Michael

Drear Santu,
How did Ruboph get his nose to shine? How is Mrs. Claus doeng? I did my chors. I want a remote control tank a tablit and a remote control chopper. Why do I want the tank is so I can go hunting and why do I want the tlabit? So I can text my sister. Why bo I want the chopper? So I can flie it inside.

From, Kaden

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Did you Hav a nis, nis christmas? I hav been good I helped mom clean up the living room. I would lik a tow truck so I can hav fun with it. and I would like 4 nerf gun so I can play with my 3 brothers. The most toys that I want is of a basket full of Dinasours so I can fit with them! so I can share with my borthers. Thank you Santa I love you.

be sav, Andrew

Dear Santa Clause,
Am I on the good list? How are your elves doing? Am I good because I help my dad to fix the car, and my mom wash the dishes. Maybe I get a bike or PSP. I love and have cookes for you. P.S. Finished by his teacher with his spellings. He broke his arm.

Love, Salvador

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are the

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Jadelyn Thompson’s class

<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>for cristmas I want my hole family to be there. I want a3DS, a new video game, I also want it to snow. Can you do that for me please.</p> <p>Malaki Benson Third grade</p>	<p>Dear Santa</p> <p>How do you go the speb of lite? How do you buliver presents on nihgt? Santa you are the most poer fuist persin I’ve ever herd of. Santa how do you woch ever chid in the world?</p> <p>Mossimo Macmillan Third grade</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>for Christmas I want a xbox 360 with 2 controllers and the game midnight club L.A. full edition for xbox 360.</p> <p>Angel Gallardo Third grade</p>	<p>stus you are osume. you look nice. I Bet.</p> <p>Ira Black Second grade</p>	<p>I wanted because I want you to pick what you think I would like. But what I did want was a horse blanet a meidem one that was blue. I was to shy to say what I wanted.</p> <p>Josie Lisle Second grade</p>
<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>I would like to get a puppy. I would like things for my family. I would like for you to give awesome presents to my favrit techers miss thompson, miss metcalf, miss wampler, miss best, miss goins, miss alexander. I would like it if you gave lots of toy’s to the poor and kid’s who don’t have homes.</p> <p>April Varela Third grade</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>I going to watch you. What Time do get to the united states? Please send me a elf please.</p> <p>Conley Larsen Third grade</p>	<p>Dear, Santa</p> <p>I cant wait until Christmas because I wanted to get a migration and a guitar.</p> <p>Goya Lemus Second grade</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>I can’t wait for Christmas. I wish I had a frozen castle from the move frozen with the dolls. How is the Noth Pole.</p> <p>Samantha Elizarraraz Second grade</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus:</p> <p>How are you doing? Are your raindeer in shape? I was wondering if you forgot what I want for Christmas well I want a teddy-bear that’s big please and thank you.</p> <p>Piper Colyer Second grade</p>
<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>I am 7 years old I go to Bruneau Elementary school. How do you make the toys? for Christmas I want a Pink two weelder skotr that has dark orange and lite orange. and a 2d2s and can I have a morecos game.</p> <p>Oakley Shaum</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Lupita Landeros. I am 6 years old I go to Bruneau Elementary school. How do reindeer go up and down? For Christmas I want some purple high heel boots and an ipad. That its ses barby and my own stove and my own cloes.</p> <p>Lupita Landeros</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>I whan’t evry buty to Be happy. And have a Happy life. I wan’t you to give me Happy stuff. And I want you to Be happy. you are nice. and funy. We love you. I love you you are the Best and nice. Casoe you give me good</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>I want my Rlf ant and his name is Julio and I want a 1000000 dollens.</p> <p>Jose Godinez Second grade</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>This year I did’nt tell you what</p>

Susan Wampler’s first-graders

<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Oakley Shaum. I am 7 years old I go to Bruneau Elementary school. How do you make the toys? for Christmas I want a Pink two weelder skotr that has dark orange and lite orange. and a 2d2s and can I have a morecos game.</p> <p>Oakley Shaum</p>	<p>a scooder and a baby crib and close.</p> <p>Tessa Mills</p>	<p>Elementary school. Why do your reindeer stay on the roof? For Christmas I want some black high heel boots and a laptop and a pink two weeled scooder and a pretty dress and a baby crib.</p> <p>Alia Aquiso</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Samantha Sierra I am 6 years old. I go to Bruneau Elementary School How do reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a soft toy puppy. And a pet bunnye that is a toy.</p> <p>Samantha Sierra</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Tony Gallardo i am 7 years old. I go to Bruneau Elementary. Can I go with you at the sled I want a table game.</p> <p>Tony Gallardo</p>
<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Tessa Mills. I am 6 years old. I go to Bruneau Elementary school. Do you know are names? For Christmas I want some blue high heel boots and a laptop and a trampaleen and</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Lupita Landeros. I am 6 years old I go to Bruneau Elementary school. How do reindeer go up and down? For Christmas I want some purple high heel boots and an ipad. That its ses barby and my own stove and my own cloes.</p> <p>Lupita Landeros</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Odin Lee Hipwell. I am 7 years old. I go to Bruneau Elementary School. How many presents do you deliver in one night for Christmas I want a 2DS a ds3 a Batchroepong a 5,000 vidoe games Moreo 7 I Love Santa!!!!</p> <p>Odin Hipwell</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Elsie Bachman. I am six 6 years old. I go to Bruneau Elementary School. How do you make toys? For Christmas I want a tow welde scooter and the colrs that I want are peenky and tayckos and black.</p> <p>Elsie Bachman</p>	<p>Dear Santa,</p> <p>My name is Rocky Aquiso. I am 6 years old. I go to Bruneau Elementary School. Why do you don’t bring mony? For Christmas I want a DS and a Xbox and vidoe games. DS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p> <p>Rocky Aquiso</p>

Marsing Elementary School

Dorothy Hutchings' second-graders

Marsing Elementary, Mrs. Hutchings

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How are your reindeers? I want for CHRISTMas A tablet with gams in it.
your friend, Maria

Dear Santa,
I wish I see your elves I want a Barbie doll I want a tablet I want a doll house I want a cinderella doll I want to see Mily I wan a Barbie bike
your friend, Sharon

Dear Santa,
I wish for a bike and a tablet Santa you are nice do you ave a tree? yes i have a tree how is your wife santa. gooD and you gooD i am really gooD santa biy
merry christmas santa, Michell

Dear Santa,
I want the golden ninja with a battle dragon. And I want Skylanders giants for xBox 360 1 and a Xbox1#. And A iPod 5#. And A tablet. And the Hole lego ninjaogo sete. And I want A huge tockelet Hershes. And games Lego batman. and Halo recn. And Halo rech university. And A movi of kun fu pand good crook and Bad crook. And kun fu Panda 2. And the Hole colectin of Dary of the wompy kid. And a Nintendo 3DS. with a moryo game. And Lego Stawars. And A Lego Stawars. game for a xBox 360. And All the Magic tree Hose Book exep Magie tree Hose 4# and 10#. And I want a fafrtracs of magic tree Hose. And Merlin Misstion Magic tree Hose. And a control for Xbox 360 that glows blue.
yor frind, Leonardo

Dear Santa,
How are you santa? Can you bring me a presit ples santa? cod you brieng a remote control car ples santa. thak you santa.
yon friends, Augrelio



Maria, Dorothy Hutchings' class, Marsing Elementary

Dear Santa,
how are you elves doing? I hope they are doing good. and how are your reindeer doing? ballerngdoll for christmas but you do not haf to give me it if you do not want to.
your friend, Faith

Dear Santa,
For cristmas I would like a remote control monster truck, a mini furwheler, a skatebaord, and a pair of heelies. P.S. I also want to see my brother for christmas. And a 9 inch tablet.
Sincerely, Oliver

Dear Santa,
I hope the elves and you are going to hav a good christmas. I want a tablet and a nintendo 3DS and all monster high bolls including Holloween.
Sincerely, Katrina

Dear Santa,
Santa, this is what i want for Christmas. Ok.
1. Sewing machine
2. baking machine
3. tablet
4. baby doll
5. ballerina doll
6. Phone
7. dollhouse
8. monster high
Love, Teaghan

Dear Santa,
I wish for a elves toy. I wish for a tablet. I wish for a dollballerina. I wish for a dollhase. I wish for a book. I wish for a bear.
your friend, Veronica

Dear Santa,
I hope things are dowing good. How aRe the elves dowing? Could you get me a tablet? I relly wonted the tablet. thank you for leting me open one of my presents early.
your friend, Janessa

you have a good christmas vis yire can I get a motkinch monstr truc and a cart for my Dad ples santa.
your frend, Kenny

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today? I hope you are not having a bad day. I hope you and your elves are doing good. I want an i pad for christmas please.
your loveing friend, Kaydence

Dear Santa,
I Love you. How is one of your elve's. My name is Sarah. wat is one of your elves name. I wont a scooter. and a bike. for christmas.
Sincerely, Sarah

Dear Santa,
I wish santa can you bring me a car and a monster truck?
Your friend, Landy

Dear Santa,
How are your randa dooing santa i luve you santa I hoga

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Marsing Elementary School

Wendy Stansell's second-graders

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeers? Do you know Jesus Birthday? How is Mrs. Claus? can you get me a toy snipr and a fish pole?

From, Thanh

Dear Santa,

Do you have Rudolph? Are the elves working hard? Does Rudolph's nose really glows? Thank you for bring lots of stuff. Even there are aredlly have lots of gifts. I love you! Can you give me a list of names of your reindeer?

Love, Marcela

Dear Santa,

I hope you and the Elves mrs. claus and the reindeer are doing good. Thank you for all the gifts. Im thankful for you santa. I woud like a little soft white tiger. thank you.

love, Zoi

Dear Santa,

Are the reindeer ok? Thank you for the presents. Can I please have a nice girl elf? Thank you.

Love, Elaine

Dear Santa,

last years presents wer aweome! How are the Elves? I hope you Bring me a Trans former.

Love, Oscar

Dear Santa,

How are you and mrs. claus doing? Can you get me a game please? can you get my brother some bull riding toys?

Merry Christmas, Dustin

Dear Santa Claus,

How aer your reindeer and Elvs? Did you know christmas is Jesus Birthday? Please get me a Lalaloopsie Doll. mery christmas.

Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,

thank you for the presents from Last year I Loved them. Christmas is my favrit holiday. This is what I want for Christmas. A build bear that comes with a blue Sparkly dress and a purple terdle, and a kitien named Daisy.

Love, Audrey

Dear Santa,

How are you doing. And how is Rudolph I realy want to meet him. I rthink that Rudolph is the best reindeer. and I realy want people to know the ture meaing of christmtmas. if you can Please get me a American Girl Horse. And a Barbie House And a bike and a lolaloopsie. thank you

Love your dear friend, Kimmie

Dear Santa,

How are all the elves doing? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Ella doing? When is your birthday? What have you been doing? I am



Elliot, Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary

thankful for you. Can you get me expo markers. shoes and books I relly want to meet Rudolph! Thank you.

Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

Thak you Santa for giving me the brave set. I loved it. Did you know that chistmas was Jesus birthday? Do the elves make snowmans? Do the reindeer praactice their flying? For chistmas I wouol like a american girl doll. merry chistmas.

Love, Kally

Dear Santa,

How are the Elves. And Rudph? i wish you a mery christmas. Thank you for the presents. This is what I want for christmas

1. a air hawk
2. a new bike
3. a dirt bike

Love, Drake

Dear Santa,

Elves, your pretty good at making toys. you Guys are the Best toy makers ever. So did you get my note? DiD you? So if you DiD then thank you. your the Best merry cristmas!

from, Tyson

Dear Santa,

Is it snowing where you live? Also are there penguins there? If

there are can you take a picture of them please. I would like the LEGO 4x4 Thectonic Stunt Driver that is 236.95. Will you also give me the magic that the reindeer have? If you do I could fly all the way to school. Than would be amazing! And do the reindeer have to have a refil of magic evry Christmas? If they do please give me a re fill because then I could fly for two years. P.S. I have an elf at home I named him Elfie.

From, Elliot

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing? Thank you for giving me the bike and the earrings. How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. claus? I hope none of you are sick. when is your birthday? For christmas I want a furby boom and a little stuffed animal teddy bear. How is Rudolph? I hope for christmas I will get a Lego freind not the swimming pole one and Lego animals. merry christmas!

Love, Alliya

Dear Santa,

How is the weather Santa? mery christmas Santa. Thank you For the presents santa.

From, Efrain

Dear Santa,

your so kind of the things you do. How is Mrs. Claus and the

reindeer? I wish good luck to all the elves with all the hard work they do. you and Mrs. Claus are cand cane sweet. I love Christmas and the Joy. Thank you for all my presents last year from. Gwyneth Nielsen This is what I want for christmas.

1. barbie doll dream



... And our best wishes, too, to each and every one of you! Merry Christmas!



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house.

2. Jenuratchion doll Kitchen.
3. night gown.
4. barbie doll castredg-ester.
5. some more Janie B Jones books.

from, Gwyneth

Dear Santa,

How are the Elves Thank you for the Legos and The clothes and the skatboard. I love my car Toy. Do you know that christmas is Jesues Birthday? Merry christmas

From Diego

Dear Santa,

How's the Elves? Is mrs. claus FeeLing good? Its Funy But why don't you get gifts? Do Snowmen talk at north Pole? They sure don't here! Do you ware Green too? All I want is a drum set. ill just stik whith that. mery christmas.

Love, Drew

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Thank you for all the presents in the years. I am thankful for Jesus's brithday on christmas. All I really want for christmas is my family.

mery christmas, Madison

Dear Sant claus,

Thank you for the presents and the toys. Can you bring the toys I want for christmas. You are my best friend. Can you bring me an Ipod?

From, Jesus

Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? Thank you for presents. mery chistmas santa claus! When is your birthday? I hope your reindeer are ready.

From, Jacob

Grand View Elementary School

Patty Dalrymple's second-graders

Dear Santa claus,
I have been so good this year. I have missed you alot. I am exited to see you this year at the christmas play. How are your reindeer named Rudolph, dasher, prancer, dancer, vixen, comet, cupid, donner and blitzen. How are you? How is Miss claus? How is the north Pole? Is it snowing? Do your elves make lots of toys. You wold prodly say yes. How are you? How is miss claus? How are the elves? How is it up their? Is it cold? Whis is you bele round? I want amikin boll whith a horse and a slon.

Love, Kayloni

Dear Santa,
How are the elfs and reindeer and Mrs. Claus and most of all how are you. I can not wait for Christmas. I hope you and Mrs. Claus, elf and reindeer have a wonderful Christmas. I have been ok the good thing I did was clean my room. And I want to know your phone number Mrs. Dalrymple is a nice teacher. I am in second grad this yaer. Next time I will be in therd grad and my teacher name will be Mrs. Mugraf. I know all of the reindeers name Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixsen, Commet, Cupid Blixse. I no the Rudolph. I here he is the famis reindeer. Santa when you come to my house I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Merry Christmas, Kailee

Dear Santa,
How are the elves and reindeer? Is miss claus happy that it is allmost xmiss. How are you santa claus? Bous rudolph garad your sleigh? Are you cold there? I want square toed Boots. And a dall. And fake nails in my stoking.

happy X miss, Rhylan

Dear Santa,
how are your reen deer? and how is up ther? it is cold and it is snowing. how is Rudololph and

how is Tha udr Reendeer. I wat a Por ow.

love, Jashua

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Today? I am doing grate. is it cold at the North Pole? it isin't colD here How are yor fires Doing? My Broters and Sister is Doing ok Like Me. I have been ok so has My Brothers. My Sister has been good. How are your reindeer? How old are you? I am 7 years old. Merry Christmas

Love, Adam

Dear Santa,
how are the elves? How is mrs. claus? Did the reindeer have badis? How is Dasher, Prancer, Prancer, vixen, Daser, Blitsen, Comid, cupid? Is it cold up there? Can i have a trik ke 2, Crosy cart, and a baskitball!

luv, Daniel

Dear Santa,
I love woo santa haw are the elve's. Santa haw is The reindeer. Santa haw is mrs. claus She Ihopeshzisois. santa I want a bol and a kamra. santa I want a hores and a babe. santa I want a make and a pape. santa I want a gaket and a back pack. santa I wanta a school stup and a pion. santa I wanta a bire and a vebogan. santa I wanta a efs and a tow santa. santa I wanta a boi and ar

Love, Madelin

Dear Santa,
how are you. Is mrs. claus good. you are the best. you are the goodest of all. I never that you were this nice my favret holidad is chrismis because chrismis is nice. Like you you are nice I was going to tell you I want a easy bake uven I realy want a easy bake uven.

Love, Lisbeth

Dear Santa,
what are the elfes names? Is Rudolph the red nose raindear real? Im a good kid becaus I help my mom clean the house.



Joshua, Patty Dalrymple's class, Grand View Elementary

And I take care of my new baby brother. His name is dominick. what I want for christmas is just dance 5. And a dolly that eats and talks and poops. And I want a elf. And a esy backen with a choclet cupcack box.

Love, Esmerelda

Dear Santa,
how are your reindee. And how are you. Is it cold up thair.

Is dasher and dancer and prancer and vixen comet and cupid and donner and Blitzen. Can I have a peano for christmas.

Ashten

Dear Sant Nic,
I wish you a mire christmas. and i wunder how are all of yr warndeer. are doing and haw miny elves do you. hav do you hav 5 elves. and I wunder if you

liv in a iGLo our a haose. and i wunder iF it is cold aone thir yes our no. and i hope you aer having a Good time thir.

From, Carter

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are your elvs and riender. For christmas I want a barbie nigth light and monster high doll.

Merry Christmas, Ana

Three Creek School

Dena Pollock's class

Dear, Santa Claus,
I have been trying to help others have fun. I also have been supporting others when they get hurt. For Christmas I would like a big, new matick lego set. But Santa Claus I don't know what to get my Dad for Christmas. Please send something form him. I will say it is from you and me. Thank you Santa.

Yours truly, Will Brackett, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I am the one that plays with my brothers or sister when they need someone to play with. For Christmas I would like a Barbie with purple hair, a gown, and shoes. I would like the LEGO Friends set, Heartlake High. I would also like a new flashlight Santa, my dad is entertaining himself by reading, because he broke his back. I would really

appreciate it if you would get him a new book to read.

Love, Sophie Thompson, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good and I am being good. When I am at home, my sister sometimes gets hurt; and I help her get up and go to my mom when she is hurt. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie house. Please give, my friend,

Jadyn, a silk green scarf. scarf, so that when she is riding she won't get hot.

Merry Christmas, Katie Brackett, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been helping my mom with cleaning. I would like a teddy bear 1 is Minnie Mouse and the other won is Airl. and a cowboy and a big big pretend cow.

Emily Benitez, 1st Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like, lego Dino hunting truck, and I seven year old boy length guitar and for my friend Will, a giant pruite ship I have let my brothers go in my room when I am at school.

yours truly, Owen Thompson, 1st Grade

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681

Jordan Valley Elementary School

Juli Sinclair's class



Der Sant Kos
I wot legos for kesmes.
Luf Maty

Maty Johnston Jr., first grade



Der Sat cos
I yot a lagos (I want a Legos)
Sat cos I like you Sat
Christmas. Love Billy

Billy Johnston, first grade



Dreer Sate
I want a toy sate for Crismas. I want 8 cowboys and a big set of soprmen a blue glow in the drok sord the set of cars 2 and all of the bad gis on cars 2 and I want big trucks and cars I want matre (Mater) for Christmas I want wode (Woody) and buss (Buzz).
Love Bode

Bode Johnsrud, first grade



Dear santa I want a small geter (guitar) and a America flag and a turtle and a book.
from Sherlyin
Merry Christmas

Sherlyin Talavera, second grade



Dear Santa from Kyndra
Merry Christmas
I want a White cat . niser sister and a nise brother

Kyndra Williams, first grade

Homedale continued

Kristen Uria's class

From Page 2B

- My Wish List
1. A nerf gun
 2. A San Francisco 49ers swetsrt
 3. 3DS
 4. A Notre Dame swetsrt

Luke

- My Wish List
1. Control Robot
 2. nerf gun
 3. Big Trampo Lene
 4. compuer
 5. Ipode

- My Wish List
1. Kindle fire

Alexis

2. Remote Control plane
3. Remote Control car
4. Remote Control truck
5. X Box One

Caden

- My Wish List
1. A gwinea pig
 2. A kindfire
 3. A rabbit
 4. A cell phone
 5. A machen clos for me and Cali

Aliya

- My Wish List
1. A Tayler Swift CD
 2. Bow and arrow
 3. computer

4. stuffed panda
5. Rudolph the stuffed animle with the book
6. hot huse with the set

Lily

- My Wish List
1. red cars and truck
 2. A fuzzy hat
 3. Lego Blocks

Jesse

- My Wish List
1. stuff deaimls
 2. plydough
 3. decodleslbs
 4. tyfon
 5. pet shop set

Adreana

Homedale continued

Marcie Coffman’s class

From Page 6B
being nice to my family I want candy canes for Christmas I hope you are ok and happy.
Your friend, Yesenia
Dear Santa,
can you get me a Xbox 360 That I can sher with me Bother I want the game about garnd theft auto five I hope you don’t crash.
your Friend, Armondo

Dear Santa,
I am J.J I am 8 year odd I want a remote control tanck and I want 2 and on garv of be the pad guy and one gun of he a good guy and I bin good because I help Andress wen he have problem do how do you get in the chimne if their no chimne what do the randes eat and make sheir you don’t lose one, randers
from your frend, J.J

Dear Santa Claus,
I’m Kaleb. I’m 7 years old. How are the reindeers doing? Are they being good or bad? I have been good this year. I helped my mom and dad put the Christmas lights on. For Christmas I want a xbox 360 and a remote control race car, and a tablet kindle. I love you Santa Claus!
your friend, Kaleb

Dear Santa
How do you give presents in one night? How are your reindeers doing? I am good because I don’t want to be on the noty list. I want Pop the Pig because it sounds fun and I want Dogy Doo because it sounds funny. Thanks four the nice things.
Your friend, Kaden

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope that I can do something nice for the orphanige. And that nice thing for the orphanige is to buy presents for them so they can have a nice Christmas. Because there parents died after they were born I think so they don’t get presents from anybody. I want them to have a nice Christma. I want a Barbie jeep house because I would love to play with it with my Neise Karlee. How are your reindeer? How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you does are doing good.
Your friend, Deonna

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a 4 weeler tha I can drive please. Don’t get me a 4 weeler that is the one that does charge. The one that you can drive in the snow and drive in the mountins and drive in the mud! Can you get me a Bow-naer that is Nerf please. I have bin good. I have bin halping my Dad moofing wood. Has one of yor randear bast owt! Thank you santa. have a happy new year Santa!!
yor frind, Jackson

Dear Santa,
are your randeers boowhg good. I have ben doing my chores and I have been helping my brothers Santa what I want for chrismas is a Ipad because I can play games a nit. I want a fone because I can call. I want a remote conkrol heluicopter becaus I can fly it. Thank you santa. I love you Santa.
your frend, Carter

Dear Santa,
I wont a cids jeep that gets charged pleas. I want a Lolly Loopsie. I have bin good. I have pin halping my Mom with laundry. Have your raen-dree beaing good? I lov you!
Your friend, Emma

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Mathew I am 7 I want a skat Bord and grand the auto five and call of Duty ghost. How are your reindeer?
your friend, Mathew T.

Dear Santa,
I have been moslee good. For christmas I would like a xbox 360 with the Gamae caled callofdooe wrlds. I would like a remote cntr car. and a leogo bilding that is a jel for bad leogo pepel. I would like a skatbord a chacbornd and a remote crtol lerplan. I hav been maslee good becaus I helped my dad ficss the car and I helped my mom with the deshes and I helped cleinged both livrings and I helped my sistr clen her room. How do randers fly! Do your elvs have majck. Thank you.
yoar friend, Gabriel

Dear Santa,
The thing I want for Christms is a army set because it would be really fun. what do the reindeer eat? How can you get house to house? I have been good because I help my firend J.J. get because he fell
your friend, Trestin

Dear Santa,
I am Raquel. I am 8 years old. How old are your reindeer? I want a candy cane because I can put them on my chrismas tree. How many presents do you have? Do you have an unbrela? Do you like cookies? I also want a stuffed Rudolph because I could hug it. I also want some video games because I can play the games on my mom’s computer I been good all year because last Saturday I suprired my mother by cleaning the hole entire house by myself! When my mother came out and saw that the hole entire house was super duper clean my mom was super duper proud of me. I love you santa.
your friend, Raquel



Joseph, Tammy Glaser’s class, Homedale Elementary

Laura Eubanks’ class

From Page 5B
the dishis. I clean the fortroom. And I do more jobs. I want glas slippers. I want a witebord. I want a doll.

Love, Carmen

To Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elfs doing? Theas are the things I want. Please can I hav a hot wheels car maker. Please can I hav a lego are plane with areport. Please can I hav an electric scooter.

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
How bright is roodof’s nose? How do you watch all of the kids? How do you ake your slay fly? I have been good, I did all of my chors. I want three speshle things, a scooter, kindle and a snikers candy bar. I will go to be extra erly on Christmas night. I hope you think my popcorn garlind looks pretty on my Christmas tree. Don’t forget to eat the I will

make you on Christmas night.
Love, Lita

Dear Santa,
Wat is going on whith my elf Joyce? Wat is going on whith the reindeer? I take care fo my baby sister. I take her to bed. I want a jeep for Christmas and a barbee hous. and a moster hi. I wish you a mere christmas.

Love, Georgia

Dear Santa,
How do the elves make the toys so fast and quikly? Santa how are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I think I am on the good list. Hay Santa I think my dad want’s a new hamer. I think I want a Hellow Kitty radio and I think Emma want’s a play baby. I think my sister Lakota want’s a tea set.

Love, Jamie

Dear Santa,
How hard is it it to take care

of the reindeer? How long does it take the elves to make something? Do the reindeer get sick sometimes? I have been good. When my sister gets bored I play basketball or video games with her. I help my mom clean and I talk with her when she needs me. I help my dad work on the truck. I want a football so I can practice at home. I hope my dad gets tools to work on his truck. he needs an air compressor too. I hope my sister gets some make-up. For my mom a hair brush. I hope you you have a merry Christmas!

Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
this chrismis how is mrs clas and roodolf doing? I hav been good triing to be good halping mom with the dishis and Iv been tring to be good to my sister. want a woking ded Wii game and I want a dir vido gam and a big box of balits.

From, Shawn



Olivia, Christine Ketterling’s class, Homedale Elementary

More drawings from Marsing



Austin, Dorothy Hutchings' class, Marsing Elementary



Drake, Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary



Gwyneth, Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary



Katrina, Dorothy Hutchings' class, Marsing Elementary

Homedale continued

Margo Phariss' class

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reindeer ok? Is Mrs. Claus ok? I have been very good because I play with my brother and I help my mom. I want an American girl I want it because I like to play with it. I want an American girl movy because I like to wach it. I want a American girl outfit that fits both of us Thank you for the toys. I hope you have a good crismas.

Your Frend, Cali

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing with the Reindeers? Are the elfs working hard? I have been a good boy. I feed my dog and my cat. I helpt my mom with the Christmas tree. I put the deocorations the tree. I want is woody and Buslightyer a sniper rifle gun and a I also want a champion ship I wont the most is Woody and Buslightyer the most. I will leave cookie for you.

your frieds, Elias

Dear Santa and Miss claus,

are you going to have a baby I hope you have a gril or a boy. I wood like a toy baby doll and fack food to play with you Santa and merry christmas to you Santa why I want you because I want

you here please Santa. Santa how is rudolph doing can I ride on your sled Christmas in the night? How is the reindeer doing

Your friend, Kara

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are The Reindeer doing I help my mom to do the disis and I want a sonic and mario an a gokn because I love them what I want the most is a wii thank you santa I hope you make a nice Christmas Santa

Isaac

Dear Santa Claus,

How are the reindeer? How are you? I have been really good. I helped my mom clean up my baby sisters toys. I would like an iPad mini I would be fun to ply minnie mouse games Thank you for thinking of me I will leave you choocolate cookies.

Ashanti

Dear Santa,

how are you doing at the north poul? I also wondederd how ar the reindeer doing? Santa I have ben good al year I helped my mom wash the dishes. I also helped my dad build a machine and I feed the dog and cat. Santa can you make some of your

gingerbreadman. Santa I wanted a game called champion and a other game it is called 2k14.

Sincerely, Andres

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer and how is rudolph? How is Mrs. Clause How are the presents coming along? Santa I have been a pretty good girl even thow it is hard I have to. So here is what I would like a flash light friend and Ariel palice ship and the Ariel bath toy that lights up in water But the thing that I want most is a flashlight friend. P.S. I will leave a plate of cookies on the table for you and a plate of carrots for your reindeer. Santa the cookies are for you.

Sincerly, Addison

Dear Santa Claus,

How do you make all of the toys? How do you make your Reindeer fly? Wat cind of cookies do you like? I wont a esybakuvin because I like to bak. and I wont a hdcindlfiyer because I wont it so I can play with my frends. And I wont a tablit to and that is all that I want I'm levg cay on the tabl thak you I hope you like it so good biy.

love, Charlie



Malia,
Laura Eubanks' class,
Homedale Elementary

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